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Laiolo Considers Mayoral Race Again

Fischer, Brooks and Hazdovac Run for City Council

By Isabelle Hall

Incumbents Bob Fischer and Barbara Brooks and challenger Paula Hazdovac said they would seek the two City Council seats up for election April 12 while former Mayor Barney Laiolo said he will once again oppose Ken White for mayor if his health is okay.

Deciding against a bid for mayor, Fischer said he would seek a third four-year term on the five-member council. Brooks, who also considered opposing White, will seek a second term. The filing period runs to Jan. 14 and more candidates still could emerge for the April 12 election.

Laiolo, 84, said he would take the filing papers

out and, if his doctor says he is well enough, he will file against the 59-year-old White whom he gave a tough race for mayor in 1991. Recovered from cancer surgery, he said he had been hospitalized for five days during the holidays but, "I'm feeling pretty good now."

For Fischer, the primary campaign issue is "the morale, integrity and pay for city employees. That's my No. 1 priority," with the budget running a close second. Brooks and Hazdovac also cited budget concerns.

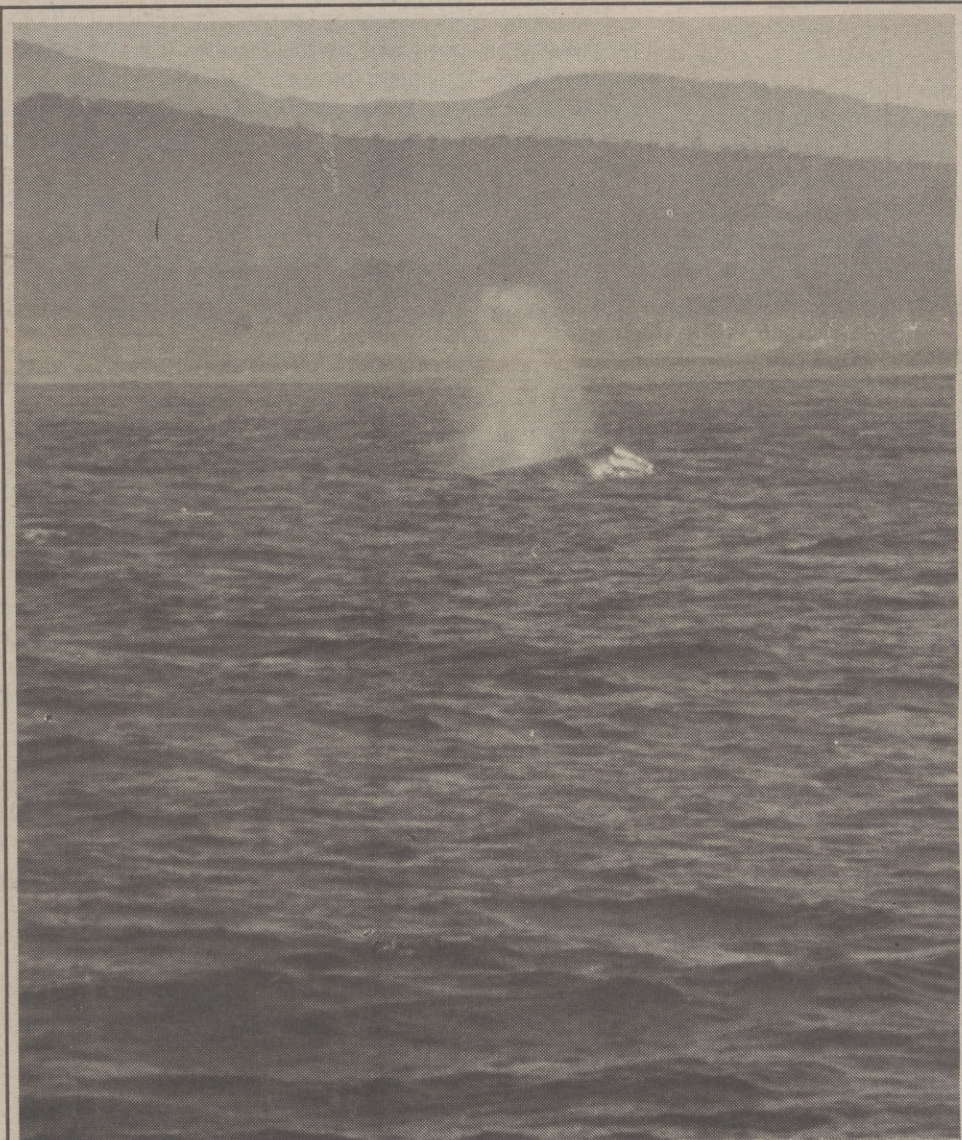
Laiolo said he was concerned with the top-heavy management at City Hall and efforts to put the financial burden on both tourists and

residents. Attempts to solve the city's parking problems were a major concern for all, while White's drive for an \$11 million remodeling of Sunset Center also was cited.

Hazdovac, a 38-year-old native Carmelite, announced her candidacy for a first try at the council Tuesday, while Brooks announced for the council as expected despite some talk that she might challenge White. The 59-year-old retired teacher said she had considered it.

"I've been urged to run for mayor," said Fischer, 67. "I did not want the obligations that the mayoral office would carry, the social

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THAR SHE BLOWS was the cry when this gray whale broke the surface of the choppy Monterey Bay waters during a whale-watching cruise Sunday. (See page 10 and 11.)
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Caltrans Says Freeway Foes Mislead Corps of Engineers

By Carolyn Rice

A Caltrans official accused Supervisor Sam Karas and Councilman David Potter of Monterey of giving the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) "misleading information," leading it to declare that additional environmental analysis will be required before the Hatton Canyon Freeway or any alternative project can proceed.

Both men are members of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and opponents of the long-stalled 2.8 mile freeway extension on Highway 1 around Carmel.

The charge was leveled by Gregg Albright, Caltrans' coordinator for the freeway project, claiming that a proposed tunnel-based alternative to widen the road was portrayed by Karas and Potter as a viable freeway alternative when it isn't.

"The evidence clearly shows it (4/U) is a short-time solution and too expensive for the short-term relief it would give," said Albright. "Our position is it is not a valid alternative."

The recently developed 4/U plan, which Caltrans estimates would cost \$33 million compared to \$43 million for the freeway, calls for widening of Highway 1 to four lanes and for underpasses at Ocean Avenue and Carpenter Street to provide unimpeded left turns onto northbound Highway 1.

Had 4/U been a valid alternative, Albright said he would agree with Lt. Col. Leonard Cardoza, ACOE district engineer, that a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) would be necessary. Cardoza raised the issue of additional environmental studies being necessary in a letter to Karas after he and Potter visited him in San Francisco.

"The evidence put in front of him was misleading," Albright charged.

"That is absolutely an incorrect statement," Karas countered, saying Albright was not present at the meeting with Cardoza and did not know what was said.

Albright said based on the language of the Cardoza letter, Cardoza's understanding is that 4/U is a valid alternative, although Caltrans has determined it is not cost effective.

Meantime, TAMC changed its plans and cancelled a special meeting it had planned for Wednesday. It moved its meeting back to its regular date of Jan. 26. It made the change after the California Transportation Commission (CTC) moved consideration of the freeway from January to its February meeting. The CTC changed its agenda because three of its nine members will not be present at the January meeting.

In another development, a lawsuit challenging the adequacy of Caltrans' environmental impact report on the freeway is scheduled to be heard in federal court in San Jose Jan. 24. The City of Carmel, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, the Hatton Canyon Coalition and the Sierra Club brought the lawsuit.

Federal Judge Spencer Williams will decide the case based on his reading of the administrative record and oral arguments. No witnesses will appear.

A frustrated Albright said he is exhausted by the continuing argument over the freeway. The environmental document on the freeway was released in December of 1991, said Albright, adding he has worked on the freeway on and off since the early '80s.

"Send us away, or let us move ahead," he said. "The facts tell us 4/U is not a responsible use of public funds. We don't have any latitude to manipulate the facts. It just wouldn't be fair to the other people in California who need the money."

Albright said Caltrans can expand what it calls an "only practicable analysis" report

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Unprecedented Race Spotlights CVPOA Division

By Carolyn Rice

In an unprecedented move, Robert Greenwood is challenging George Ferguson for the vice-presidency of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), hoping to make it a more aggressive watchdog over development.

Greenwood, 70, said he believes that during the past two or three years, CVPOA has drifted away from what he sees as its primary job—guarding the Carmel Valley environment.

"The emphasis has changed," said Greenwood who is a past-president of the CVPOA and a current board member. "We're not protesting as much against infringements on the Valley."

Until this year, CVPOA elections always have consisted of a slate of officers, nominated by a board committee, which has run unopposed. This year, Greenwood solicited signatures of 36 CVPOA members to place his name on the ballot against Ferguson, a retired corporate executive who also is a current board member. The one who loses the vice president's race will no longer be on the board.

The election will be conducted by mail, and ballots will be sent to the 900 or so members next week. Ballots must be returned by Jan. 31, and they will be counted Feb. 1.

Greenwood, a geologist who moved to

Carmel Valley in 1974, said he targeted Ferguson because he believes of all the CVPOA officers, Ferguson's view are furthest from his own.

For his part, Ferguson, 74, said he does not believe Greenwood has much of a case against him, calls himself an environmentalist and said he is disappointed Greenwood chose to attack him. Ferguson said he believes the CVPOA should be composed of a balance of board members who represent many perspectives.

Roger Williams, CVPOA president who was nominated for an unopposed second term, publicly tried to stay above the fray. He praised Ferguson as "a fine vice

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LETTERS

Children Will Pay for Rapacious Acts

There is no point in crying over slick milk.

The dice have already been cast. It should come as no surprise to the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association, other homeowners' associations or individuals who oppose all or part of the proposed Cañada Woods development that it has passed the first hurdle. Alan Williams, developer of this project, put in hours working with the county to "improve" Carmel Valley Road while still maintaining the "rural quality" of the Valley. The result? Carmel Valley Road will be widened to 3-4 lanes at key points of expected development: September Ranch, Cañada Woods and Vista Nadura (across from Chateau Julien). These "improvements" have been dubbed the "passing lane" concept.

Despite the fact the proposed home sites are sprawled across this beautiful acreage cutting up the paths of wildlife and prime agricultural land, supposedly protected by the Carmel Valley Master Plan (CVMP), this development most likely will sail through the process with "environmental" colors. Alan Williams ought to take advantage of this title and include a bicycle/pedestrian trail and separate horse trail alongside Cañada de la Segunda Road.

Michael Waxer, Mr. Williams' right hand man and architect for the project, should also exert his "environmental" influence. As a current member of the Executive Committee of the Ventana Chapter, Sierra Club, he says "We're one species, one planet." (Ventana Newsletter, December, '93). I wonder if Mr. Waxer has told the animals of their plans.

Furthermore, traffic circulation will never be improved until true, thorough and steadfast commitments are made by developers regarding alternative transportation.

The policies on bicycle/pedestrian access in the CVMP, the Greater Monterey Area Peninsula Plan and the Monterey Regional Transportation Plan are not for decoration. The CVPOA must carry the banner high and insist on trail creation whether or not this development is ultimately approved.

However the developers and lawyers wish to read the environmental documents will ultimately reign, laying raw the desecration of feigned allegiance to our environment. It is the children who will suffer and pay for these rapacious acts.

Paola Berthoin
Carmel

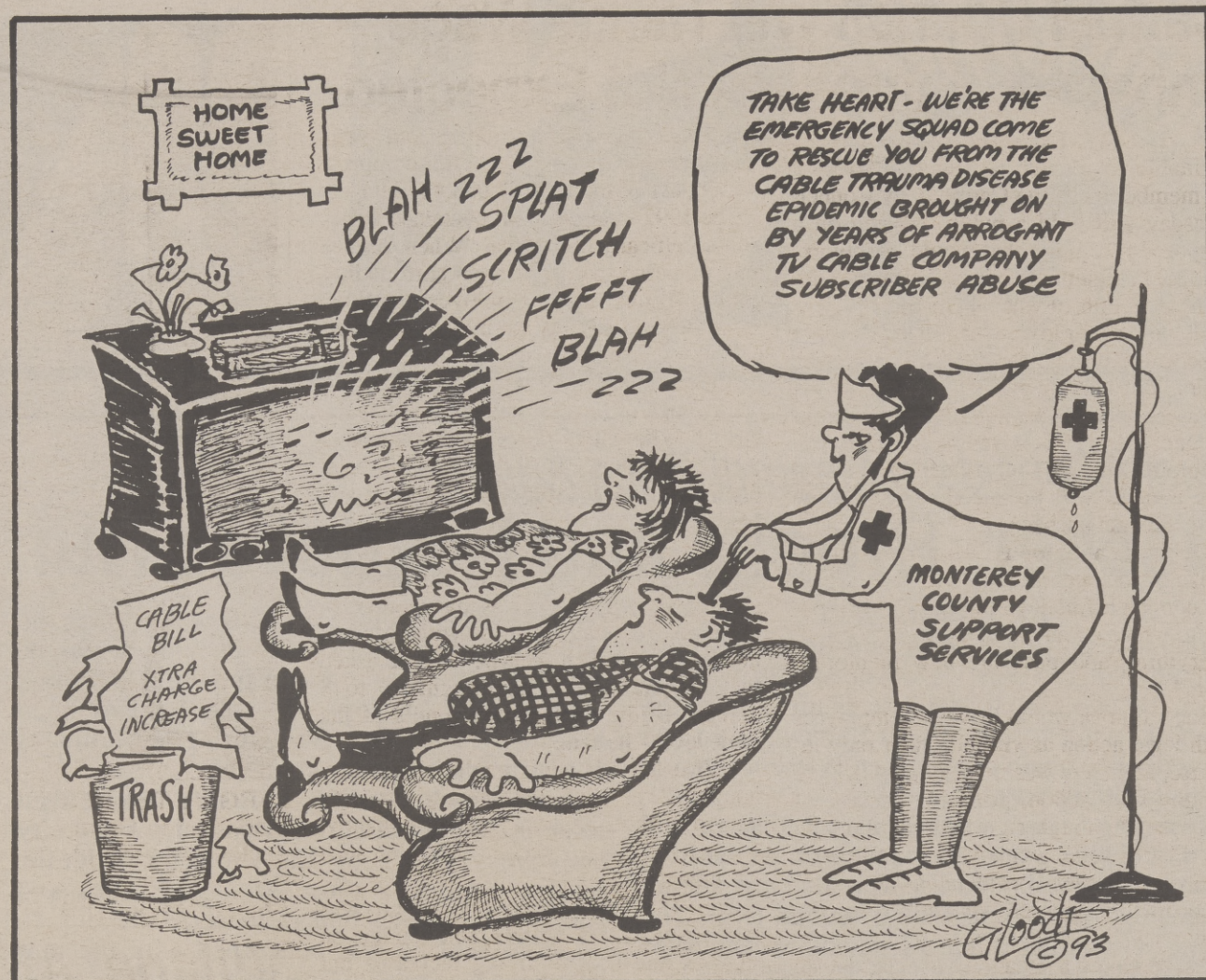
Are Trails Desirable, Affordable?

Wow! Over 40 miles (my estimate) of fenced hiking and equestrian trails running the length and width of Carmel Valley from the Village to the Ocean! What a great idea! Before jumping on this bandwagon, consider the following:

1. Costs: The Environmental Impact Report required before the Trail Plan can be included in the Carmel Valley Master Plan. . . The potential litigation as developers, fearful of a taking, work to protect their property rights. . . The acquisition of the necessary trail heads. . . The cost to construct trails and fences. . . The maintenance thereof. . . Potential payments for liability that may arise from injuries sustained by trail users. These costs will be significant, particularly when related to scarce budgetary resources now evidenced by the county's inability to develop trails on existing easements.

2. Demand: I understand that both Trail Committee members and the Regional Park director have stated that current usage of Garland Regional Park is minimal. If this is true, does it make sense to develop a plan for the entire Valley?

3. Privacy/Security: As any owner of somewhat remote land in the Valley will tell you, security from trespassers is a constant problem. There is little respect for signs, fences,



gates or locks. And the people who trespass aren't content with following a trail; they are seeking adventure. From a practical standpoint, neither the police nor the owners have an effective way to deal with this problem. It doesn't seem wise to offer these people increased access to more of the Valley and facilitate the temptation to use other's property illegally.

4. Timing: According to the committee, trails easements are to be required (see Equity below) only when a property owner seeks a discretionary permit (which is everything except a building permit). Therefore, if a property integral to the system is never developed, the system will never be completed. The fruition of this idea is not something our children will see in their lifetime.

5. Equity: Does it seem fair that a property owner seeking to partition his property in conformance with an approved Master Plan (which does not contemplate trails) must give some of his land, at no cost, to the public in order to receive approvals under that plan? The Cañada Woods project is experiencing this problem. The Regional Parks Director and the Trails Committee are recommending a trail easement, in spite of the fact that the Master Plan does not require it and the Environmental Impact Report does not recommend it. Some people call this horsetrading; some call it a taking.

6. Use: Since these proposed trails are to be acquired and constructed with public funds, the system would have to be available to the public, i.e. non-Carmel Valley or Monterey Peninsula residents. If this system were completed, it would become the hiking and riding mecca of Northern California, and I believe that the vast majority of users of the system would be non-resident; do we want, and can we handle, all of the added people and traffic? Many of the peninsula's scarce resources, i.e. money and roadways, are already sorely taxed. Should we be adding a greater burden? Will these public trails change the current rural character of the Valley? In the years that I have been associated with the Valley, I sense the orientation of the people who live here has been to discourage any increases in traffic and density of people. It seems unlikely that these new visitors to the Valley will have the same concerns and priorities as current residents.

Before the committee spends more time on this dream, I think everyone, including the supervisors, should seriously consider: First, can we afford it? Second, and most important, is the dream that was born in the '50s something we still want? If you think we should be answering these questions first, call your supervisor and encourage him to redirect and reconstitute the committee.

Don Vermeil
Carmel Valley

Starnes Could Avoid Tax Liability

The "Freeway Showdown" article in your Dec. 23 issue states, referring to the property of Lois Starnes at Ocean Avenue and Highway 1 which would be taken for the 4/U project: "If she were paid \$1 million, Starnes said after state and federal tax she would be lucky if she could then afford a house."

Although I am no longer a practicing CPA, it is a fact that in such cases of condemned property, no tax liability exists if replacement property is purchased within two years after the close of the first tax year in which any part of the gain on the conversion is realized. (Code Sec. 1033) Extensions of this period may be available on application to the IRS. This element, therefore, should not have any bearing on the decision for the 4/U project.

John D. Waldroup
Carmel

CVPOA Board Defended

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) by policy does not make its membership lists available to anyone for anything other than organizational mailings. Even former Supervisor Strasser Kauffman, a long-time member and former director, was denied access on one occasion when such a request came from her office.

While this policy has the admirable quality of protecting its members from unsolicited contact, it also leaves little alternative to address the membership on matters of opinion. Results: letters to the editor of the local papers. Recent issues of the Sun carried letters of support for some CVPOA candidates. This letter does the same, along with my reasons as an active board member as to why I believe there may be advantage to CVPOA in electing certain candidates over others.

In recent months, vague complaints about CVPOA's board of directors have arisen from a few people (sometimes anonymously). Unfounded charges of "lack of action by the board" have ignored the public forums held this year, as well as the hundreds of volunteer hours spent by our committee members at public hearings, homeowners' meetings and problem-solving meetings with public officials. Roger Williams has led this board in a positive, contributing direction. It is not enough to merely be critical of problems in our Valley: the future of Carmel Valley lies in its solutions to its problems. We need board members who will actively participate in a problem-solving manner.

I have been on the CVPOA board since 1987. I have worked with board members who are nothing short of awesome in the energy and effort they contribute; in contrast, I have worked with those who do nothing more than complain and criticize, leaving their share of work to others. This year will see issues of quality of development, problems of traffic and water, and concerns over levels of services available come to the forefront for resolutions. We cannot afford the luxury of merely pointing a finger and criticizing. For these reasons I will vote for the following candidates:

- All incumbent officers.
- Loren Steck, whose profession is public opinion polling. His expertise will enable our board to poll our membership without bias and accurately represent CVPOA opinion on controversial issues.
- Christopher Cayce, a local attorney, who stepped right in to fill a vacancy on our board. His questions, insights and knowledge have proven to be helpful to the Board this past year.

• Gillian Taylor-Neumeier, who has been active with the CVPOA board through her participation on the Land Use Committee.

I believe the CVPOA board is balanced in its composition. No one ideology dominates this group, and debate has been healthy and enlightening. The CVPOA stated primary objective, "to preserve, protect and defend the natural beauty and the resources of Carmel Valley...and in so doing give due consideration to the property rights of citizens" unites us. The Carmel Valley Master Plan guides us.

If you are a member of CVPOA, please cast a thoughtful vote.

If you wish to join, please write to P.O. Box 157, Carmel Valley, CA 93924 for information.

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Carmel Council Will Tackle Wage Impasse; Increases Not Expected

By Isabelle Hall

Unable to resolve an impasse with its 80-member staff, the Carmel City Council Tuesday will hold a public hearing on a proposed resolution that would simply extend an 18-month old labor agreement with no new benefits or wage increases.

Unhappy employees at all levels were expected to turn up for the hearing to press their claim that the city's budget picture is bright enough for a wage hike promised in a Dec. 8, 1992 agreement, called a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The council will be asked to extend the memorandum unchanged.

One management employee who spoke off the record said, "We've met with a stone wall. I believe the council will listen to whatever anybody has to say, ignore everything and pass the new memorandum."

Such a move would leave the employees with legal action as virtually their only recourse, and there was no sentiment evident for any such action, primarily because of the cost. Although state law is vague on the right of public employees to strike, that also was not even considered as an option, according to sources who talked to The Sun.

Asked if such a situation had occurred before, the official negotiating team spokesman for management said, "My understanding is there was a confrontation between associations and the council many years ago that led to a lawsuit. None of the associations want to get into a confrontational situation with the council. I don't think the council wants to do that either. Hard fiscal times lead people to draw different conclusions. We hope the better budget picture will help."

"It's an unhappy working situation. The rank and file are not very happy. We want to try to educate the council on our concerns and the issues we raised and refocus attention on what the current memorandum says."

Council members over the past year or so have spoken out in support of higher wages but only when there is more money in the city coffers. The council rejected the employee groups' request for a state mediator to break their negotiation impasses.

City Administrator Jere Kersnar, who has conducted the negotiations under council direction, told the management group, "The fastest way to bring it to closure was to address it at the City Council meeting Jan. 11 at which time they plan to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding."

"Our hope is that based on the information we will provide the council in written form that the full council will recognize the issues we are raising, and that the financial situation has changed enough since the impasse was reached that the council would feel comfortable to direct Jere to go back to the table and resume negotiations rather than unilaterally implement an MOU that we have not agreed to," the management spokesman said.

There are four employee groups representing management, the Police Department, the Fire Department and a miscellaneous group that represents all other employees including those who work at City Hall.

The official management spokesman, who did not want to be identified, said, "It should be a high priority on the council to set that situation right when the revenue picture improves. We understand the financial picture has improved substantially."

Latest figures reported by the city this week (see separate story on this page) show major revenues were up through the end of December. City employees, however, think the budget picture was improved enough to honor the promise in the 1992 agreement when Kersnar proposed a balanced budget in June with \$142,000 included for wage increases.

The \$142,000 was cut as the council considered the full budget, finding there wasn't enough money for a wage hike

given the tight fiscal situation and other priorities. Salaries and benefits comprise \$4,566,421 of the total \$7,098,487 budget.

The 1992 memorandum contained a section specifically noting that "When salaries are compared to agreed-upon surrounding municipalities, many employee positions are underpaid. This disparity is recognized in each agreement along with the city's intent to bring salary/benefits levels equal to the average of the surrounding municipalities when the city's fiscal condition makes such adjustments feasible." The agreed-upon cities are Pacific Grove, Seaside and Marina.

According to one employee who spoke off the record, Carmel workers earn an average of 8 percent less than workers in the three comparable cities with some as much as 29 percent below. "We've asked that anyone below be brought up to 8 percent below so that everyone's at the same level," he said.

"What hurts is when you're continually ignored. You know what money's coming in and going out. Everybody's unhappy. We hate to start off the new year with such discontent."

The 1992 memorandum, which was retroactive to July 1, 1992, held the line on salaries and cost of living increases but provided an 11.5 percent increase for the Health Protection Plan which pushed the total health insurance budget to \$560,419. At the time, the total wage package cost \$5,351,155 but the city then had 94 staff positions. Following a series of cuts since, the staff has been reduced to about 80 positions.

Carmel Budget Is Looking Up

Carmel officials reported revenues from its major sources of income up \$151,024 through the end of December at the mid-way point in the city's 1993-94 fiscal year.

Financial Services Coordinator Sandi Davenport said the five major revenues totaled \$3,767,136 through Dec. 31, compared with \$3,616,112 for the previous year. A report will be presented to the City Council at a mid-year review Jan. 18 of the \$7 million annual budget.

The sales tax check received from the county was \$187,073 through Dec. 31, up \$20,815 from \$166,258 from a year ago. Total sales tax receipts through Dec. 31 are \$934,852, up \$75,634 from a year ago, Davenport said.

The tax receipts for secured and unsecured property taxes totaled \$705,007, up \$59,158 from 1992, while the property transfer tax was \$22,111 for a total of \$727,118 compared with \$636,737 in 1992, she said. This was the tax the city feared could have resulted in a loss of as much as \$245,000 in a state take-back which subsequently was set at just \$17,000.

"If things continue on this basis with the property tax, we could be over our budget by \$150,000 to \$175,000," Davenport said. "We're still very cautious. Two quarters of sales tax revenues doesn't mean we're out of the recession."

The hostelry tax, the largest single source of revenue for the city, totaled \$1,631,074 compared with \$1,608,992 a year ago.

The business license tax was \$311,597 through Dec. 31, compared with \$303,688 in 1992.

The only drop in the city's major revenues was in the fees collected for parking infractions which totaled \$162,495, down from \$207,476 a year ago.

Wilderness Event in Big Sur

The Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary will benefit from a fund raising art show at the historic Sur House in Big Sur Jan. 15 and 16. For information about the show by established local artists, call 626-8651.



LARGER TENTS WILL BE USED AT THIS YEAR'S popular Village Affair fundraiser in Carmel Valley. Sun file photo shows patrons gathered for the live auction last year at Los Laureles Lodge.

More Room Promised

Village Affair Tickets Go on Sale

Tickets went on sale this week for the fifth annual Village Affair—a food, wine and entertainment extravaganza "under the big top" Jan. 17 at Los Laureles Lodge to raise funds to build and maintain pathways in Carmel Valley Village.

The big top in this case is a 5,000-square-foot tent which will enable the sponsoring Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) to have the food, wine, entertainment by Singing Sheriff Pat Duval and a silent auction all in one place for the first time.

Tickets are \$25 a person, entitling partygoers to hors d'oeuvres prepared by some 20 Village restaurants and wine from eight regional wineries. The event, traditionally held on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A live auction, to be held in a separate tent at the historic inn, will feature such offerings as an all expenses skiing trip to Park City, Utah, a stay at John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch and dinner for 10 at Rancho San Carlos, prepared by chef Wendy Brodie.

The fundraiser has become one of the most popular social events of the year in the Valley, attracting increasing numbers of people but also leading to crowded conditions in the tents that were used in the past.

The larger tent is designed to make the event more enjoyable and eliminate crowding inside the lodge where the silent auction formerly has been held. Tony Glanville of the organizing committee said the main tent last year was about 3,200 square feet, "so the new one is about half again as big."

Tickets are available at Carmel Valley Market, Los Laureles Lodge, Carmel Valley Business Services, Valley Lodge, The Sun, Mailboxes Etc.—Mid Valley and First National Bank at Carmel Rancho.

The Village Affair has been the principal source of funds for more than \$100,000 worth of pathway construction and landscaping in the unincorporated Village over the past five years. CVVIC's initial goal of providing pedestrian pathways linking the east and west ends of the Village—Rippling River to the Community Center—has been achieved. The group is now financing construction of additional routes, the most recent being from the Community Center past Tularcitos School.

Peter Coakley, owner of Valley Lodge, is serving as chairman of the event for the second year, as are most of the various committee heads.

"It's going very smoothly," said Glen Gurries, another member of CVVIC's organizing committee. "Nearly everyone has done their job before, and the job seems to get easier and the results better. We're looking for one great party."

Art Show in Memory of Sam Colburn Opens Friday in P.G.

The Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation will hold its 10th Anniversary Members' Show at the Pacific Grove Art Center in memory of artist Sam Colburn one of its founding members.

The show opens with a public reception Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at 568 Lighthouse Avenue. It will run through Feb. 11.

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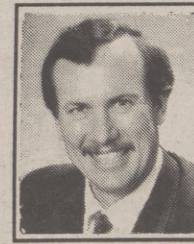
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SHERIFF'S LOG

BIG SUR. A Big Sur man reported his friend and neighbor borrowed his pickup for a day and took it to Oxnard and sold it. 12/20.

CARMEL. A woman reported someone slashed a tire on her car while it was parked outside her Flanders Drive home during the night. 12/21.

Marijuana Use Found

VILLAGE. A 19-year-old Carmel Valley man, stopped for a mechanical violation on his car on Carmel Valley Road near Ford Road, was determined to be under the influence of "recently smoked marijuana," reported a deputy who found a bag of marijuana and a pipe in which to smoke it. The man was cited and released, but a passenger in his car was arrested on an outstanding \$2,000 warrant. 12/21.

VILLAGE. A 19-year-old man from Arcata, Calif., stopped on Paso Hondo for a mechanical violation on his vehicle, was found to be under the influence of marijuana, reported a deputy who said the man would not be prosecuted because of the very small amount of marijuana found in his car. 12/21.

VILLAGE. A businessman reported two men in a gray or dark silver Toyota may have been casing businesses in the Village. A deputy said he had no further information. 12/22.

VALLEY. A man who lives in Hitchcock Canyon reported someone shot his car windshield while it was parked in front of his home during the night. 12/22.

RIO ROAD. A store detective for Safeway at the Crossroads reported he had a Carmel Valley man in custody for petty theft after he took a package of cigarettes. The man was cited and released. While investigating that case, the deputy was told that another store detective had two juveniles in custody for stealing a package of cigarettes. They were cited and released to their parents. 12/22.

Rollerbladers Nearly Hit

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Via Milpitas reported five juveniles rollerblading on El Caminito Road were almost struck by a white van traveling fast down the hill. 12/22.

VALLEY. A Cachagua man reported his dinner guests got into a heated argument. One of them left before a deputy arrived. 12/22.

CARMEL RANCHO. A woman was cited for shoplifting at the Thunderbird Bookstore. 12/24.

CARMEL RANCHO. The owner of Allegro Gourmet Pizza reported his wallet was stolen from under the counter where he left it. 12/24.

Rolex Reported Missing

HIGHLANDS. A tourist from London reported he found his Rolex watch missing from his room at the Highlands Inn on 12/22. 12/24.

CARMEL. A man reported a watch and two rings were stolen from his home on San Pedro Lane some time in the previous week. 12/25.

VILLAGE. A woman from San Luis Obispo reported credit cards and \$50 cash were stolen from her unlocked vehicle while she was staying at Robles Del Rio Lodge. 12/26.

CARMEL. A woman complained someone had shot a bb or pellet gun at her home on Hatton Road, breaking out a window. 12/26.

CARMEL. An agent for Mid Coast Investment said someone stole two TVs and a VCR from a model home south of Carmel. 12/26.

VILLAGE. A man reported a prowler at the rear of his Buena Vista home. He said the man fled. 12/26.

BIG SUR. A Carmel man reported he was assaulted by two men while walking in the parking lot at River Inn. 12/26.

Expensive Wine Stolen

BIG SUR. The owner of a cabin on the north fork of the Little Sur River reported it was burglarized 12/25 and again the next day at noon. He said several bottles of very expensive wine were taken, setting the loss at \$800. 12/27.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Cachagua Road said several of her tenants had had roofing tar smeared on their license plates over the weekend. 12/27.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Tierra Grande said someone cut a wire fence around a rear deck on her home, allowing her dog to run loose. 12/27.

RIO ROAD. A woman who lives on Rio Road reported rings and jewelry disappeared from a locked cabinet while she was away from 9/7 until 10/28. She said her husband, who had mental problems and stayed home, probably was responsible for the loss, but he denied it to a deputy. 12/27.

VILLAGE. A caretaker at a home on West Carmel Valley Road reported a possible prowler. 12/27.

Two DUI Arrests

VILLAGE. A man was arrested on charges of DUI after a deputy said he saw him driving erratically in the Village. A passenger in the car also was arrested for DUI when the deputy said a passerby identified him as the driver of a car involved in an earlier accident at Rana Creek Ranch. 12/27.

RIO ROAD. Employees of Long's Drug Store at the Crossroads telephoned a report that their manager was fighting with a man suspected of theft. A deputy, on foot patrol nearby, reached the scene in a minute and arrested a 38-year-old transient who he said admitted going to the store to steal vodka and cigarettes. 12/28.

CARMEL. The director of nursing at Carmel Convalescent Hospital said one of the patients had lost her ring. It was described as white gold with a one one-half karat diamond and two smaller ones and valued at \$2,000. 12/28.

VALLEY. A man reported that someone cut the lock on the gate to the entrance to his property on Prado Del Sol and changed the locks on his residence. He said the power also had been turned off. 12/28

Wallet Returned to Owner

RIO ROAD. A wallet was turned into the Carmel Police after being found near the Wells Fargo Bank. The owner was located in Sunnyvale, and it was returned. 12/28.

VALLEY. A neighbor reported youths were on the roof of Congregation Beth Israel. A deputy detained four of them, releasing them to their parents. One was cited into juvenile probation for damage to trees and shrubbery. 12/28.

VILLAGE. A man reported someone tried to break into his garage on Southbank Road, prying a padlock hasp off the door. 12/28.

CARMEL RANCHO. A 45-year-old Big Sur man was cited for shoplifting a book from the Thunderbird Bookstore. 12/28.

Ringer's Store Robbed

VALLEY. Three Cachagua youths were cited for a break-in at Ringer's General Store in which cigarettes, candy, lighters, jewelry, batteries, wine, wine coolers, beer and beef jerky were stolen. The store's owner set the loss at \$475 to \$500. 12/29.

SOUTH COAST. A Fremont man was rescued and taken to Community Hospital for treatment after his car plunged off Highway 1 about a mile south of the Little Sur River. 12/29.

Citizen's Arrest Made

SOUTH COAST. An employee at Fish Ranch south of Carmel reported making a citizen's arrest of a Pacific Grove man who he said was trespassing on his bicycle. 12/30.

CARMEL RANCHO. Employees of Albertsons said a transient entered the store, went directly to the meat department, took four or five family size packages of steak and ran from the store. A deputy said the suspect now is thought to be driving a white Toyota pickup with a camper shell on it. 12/30.

VALLEY. A San Jose man, stopped for suspicious activity on Carmel Valley Road near Chateau Julien, was arrested after a deputy said he found marijuana and letters stolen from a nearby mailbox in his vehicle. He said the man also had a billy club and two shurikens—throwing stars—in his possession. A juvenile with the man was cited for vandalism. 12/30.

VALLEY. An 18-year-old Carmel Valley man was cited for possessing alcohol as a minor at the Mid Valley Safeway. 12/31.

Fisherman Drowned

SOUTH COAST. Roberto Hernandez, 37, of Santa Cruz drowned when swept from rocks while fishing with family members at Garrapata Beach. 1/1.

BIG SUR. A woman said someone entered her home on Highway 1 while she was working and took a stereo and a VCR. 1/1.

VALLEY. A man who lives on Schulte Road complained his neighbor's ham radio was interfering with his radio and TV signals. A deputy referred the complaint to the Federal Communications Commission. 1/1.

VILLAGE. A woman telephoned deputies that she heard a noise in the back yard of her East Garzas Road home, and while it probably was a deer, she would appreciate if they would check on it. A deputy did and said he found nothing. 1/1.

Ill Transient Treated

CARMEL. A woman transient, reported to be very ill in the Carmel River, was located by deputies and taken to Community Hospital for treatment by ambulance. 1/2.

BIG SUR. A Santa Cruz man was airlifted from near Sykes Camp by a Coast Guard helicopter from San Francisco after he suffered head and leg injuries in a fall while hiking. 1/2.

Corps Mised, Caltrans

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to include its 4/U findings, making an SEIS unnecessary.

Karas said he and Potter were very careful to characterize 4/U as "a project we are considering. We said we hoped it would be safe and cost effective." He said neither he nor Potter stated it was a "viable project."

The time required to complete a SEIS ranges from 12 to 18 months, extending the time before any project could be started.

"The ball is in TAMC's court," said Albright, expressing hope it will approve the freeway and put the burden on Caltrans to obtain a wetlands permit from the ACOE.

Jerry Gromko, executive director of TAMC, said the county staff believes the 4/U project would cost closer to \$27 million. He estimated the tunnels would cost \$8.5 million rather than the \$11.8 Caltrans figured. "We still believe we are more correct than they are," he said at TAMC's December meeting.

\$4 Million on Freeway Studies

Caltrans has spent more than \$4 million studying the Hatton Canyon Freeway and possible alternative projects, according to Gregg Albright, project coordinator.

Claims Filed against City in Jewelry Heist

A robbed Carmel jewelry store and its insurance company filed notices of claims against the city, contending that four policemen stood by and let a lone gunman escape without doing anything.

The notices for both the Kerry Lee Jewelers and the Jewelers Mutual Insurance Co. of Neenah, Wisc., were filed by attorney Sean Phelan O'Brien of Carmel Valley. Both claims said they were for more than \$125,000, but no further details were provided.

Efforts to find O'Brien were unsuccessful, and Kerry Lee Johnson, the owner of the store at Sixth and San Carlos, did not return telephone calls to The Sun.

Such claims are routinely denied by the City Council and referred to the city's insurance carrier. The claims are listed on the consent calendar for Tuesday's council meeting.

The claims are the latest skirmish in a running battle between Johnson and some other jewelers in the city and the police in the aftermath of the Oct. 26 robbery.

At that time, Johnson said the gunman escaped with jewelry worth \$500,000 at retail when four officers arrived at the scene but made no effort to stop the man. The police have defended their actions, saying they did not have time to identify the suspect and keep him from leaving in his car.

The claim notice filed on behalf of Kerry Lee described its losses as profits,

inventory that was not insured, good will and legal expenses. The claim on behalf of the insurance company said it had paid Kerry Lee for its loss. "This is a subrogation claim," it said.

The robbery at the store occurred late in the afternoon as a lone clerk was preparing to close. Police said both pedestrian and vehicle traffic in downtown were heavy at the time.

Police later theorized that the same robber might have been responsible for two similar jewelry robberies—one in the Crossroads Shopping Center in 1989 and another in Pebble Beach in April of 1992.

After the robbery, Johnson said jewelry stores are vulnerable targets, often having inventory on hand worth more than robbers could get by holding up a bank. He called for an investigation and changes in procedures and training of police, saying many merchants were uncomfortable and deserved better protection.

Highlands Fire Department Purchases Defibrillator

The Carmel Highlands Fire Department has purchased a semi-automatic defibrillator for use on medical responses. The defibrillator will allow firefighters to monitor the heart patterns of medical emergency patients and to administer an electrical shock to a person in cardiac arrest.

Valley Residents Invited to Cañada Woods Meeting

Carmel Valley residents have been invited to attend a special question and answer presentation by the Carmel Development Co. on Clint Eastwood's proposed Cañada Woods project.

The company said a special slide presentation will be held in the clubhouse at Quail Lodge at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 with a question and answer session to follow.

The proposed subdivision combines a residential development on the north side of Carmel Valley Road and a commercial project on the south side of the road just east of Quail Lodge and the Valley Hills Shopping Center.

"Interested homeowners are urged to attend this important meeting," a statement from the company said. "Many questions have been raised about this project and the developer feels any misunderstandings that may have occurred can be fully clarified. This special presentation is open to all residents of Carmel Valley."

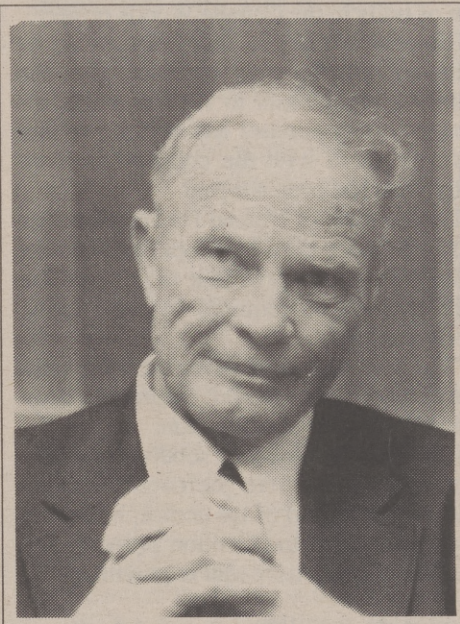
The project has received preliminary approval from the county to proceed with the application process.

Incumbents Brooks and Fischer Plus Hazdovac in Race

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obligations. I'm not that type of an individual, and my wife won't go with me now," he laughed. "I talked to Ken, and I told him I was going to run for City Council, that I would not be his opponent in the upcoming race."

"I've wanted to do it for a long time," Hazdovac said. "The time seems right now. I'm tired of seeing the council serving a small, small group. It's not the Carmel I've grown up in."



BOB FISCHER

Asked if she was referring to the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), the dominant, organized group in town, Hazdovac said, "Anyone who attends the meetings knows." The blonde artist, who does contractual bookkeeping work for local companies, said she was tired of city committees "serving certain factions of the community. There were not little control groups in the past. Never like this. If it weren't so serious, it would be laughable. No one would believe it."

"The budget continues to be the major issue," Brooks said. "We have to look again at services. I don't think we can reduce the staff any more." She said that while tax revenues are up at the moment, the other side of the coin is that a jewelry store and two restaurants closed their doors during the Christmas season.

Hazdovac, who was passed over last month when she applied for a position on the Planning Commission, said she believes her business experience would benefit the council. "I see the budget as the No. 1 problem, and I feel it would be helpful to have a couple more business people. I deal with numbers a lot." She said City Administrator Jere Kersnar has "come up with a lot of good ideas (for new revenue) and was shot out of the water. We're all pretty spoiled."

Fischer, who retired in 1985 after 31 years on the Carmel police force, was the top vote-getter when he ran for a second term in 1990. He recalled that he and Laiolo's wife, Elinor, ran about even in 1986 when Clint Eastwood got the most council votes for mayor. He said he had not talked "in months" to the world-famous actor/director who keeps a close but quiet eye on city politics.

Asked what he saw as the campaign issues, Laiolo said, "We are overweight in management. And this deal of trying to make the public and the people that come here pay the bill, that's not right." He



BARBARA BROOKS

referred to since-rescinded fees imposed on tour bus parking. A proliferation of committees also makes him mad because as the former three-term mayor sees it, "They come up with a bunch of paperwork and nothing ever gets done about it."

Brooks was president of the CRA before resigning to seek election in 1990 when CRA director Linda Anderson ran her campaign. This year she said her black spaniel, Molly, would be her manager and her husband, Steve, her treasurer. She said it was "too early" to think about seeking endorsements from such groups as the CRA.

Hazdovac said Merv Sutton, president of Carmel Citizens for Good Government, would be her treasurer while she has yet to pick a campaign manager.

Fischer will run the same kind of low-key campaign he did in the past when he said he spent only about \$700 on a couple of ads. His wife and his former secretary-treasurer, Kathleen McFarland, will be the only ones involved.

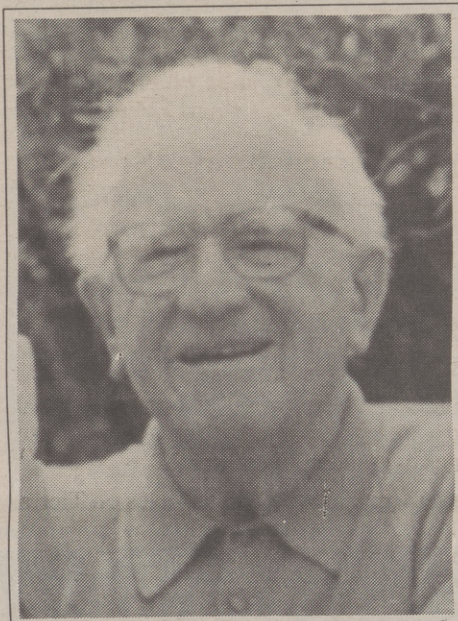
The only new face in the race thus far, Hazdovac said she was concerned that there had never been any "hard numbers" available on Sunset Center when the council voted unanimously to spend \$30,000 for an architectural study on the theater remodeling. "How can you make a decision when you don't know the facts? I want to know how many people it's going to seat, are people going to the performances now, is it making any money now?"

Noting that her mother, Lillian, attended Sunset when it was the community school.

Hazdovac said, "It's a beautiful auditorium, and I wouldn't want it changed in any way. It really sickened me to think they would want to alter it at all. Who is it going to be for?" How many residents can afford to pay \$100 to \$150 for tickets?"

Although Fischer voted in favor of the study, he said projects like Sunset and the First Murphy House "are not as important now." He suggested the council had not treated city employees well by not giving them full explanations "when they see \$30,000 go down into Sunset. I voted for it. At the time, this was thought to be a great idea, and they only required it for seed money. It's not my top priority."

Asked what her accomplishments were in the past four years, Brooks cited her proposal to have the city pay for the \$30,000 study rather than make it a loan as had been proposed. She said she considers the Sunset project "very important" as part of an overall move to preserve the city's cultural heritage. She said she also had pledged herself to protect the city's ordinance against short term rentals from "rumblings about weakening it. It's very important to the integrity of the neighborhoods."



BARNEY LAIOLO

Fischer said he would like to see the city have a budget surplus of \$250,000 to \$300,000 instead of the \$200,000 at present, adding, "My personal objective is capital outlay projects, vehicles, street maintenance, safer equipment for our personnel and safer streets for our people."

"On the budget, I'm doing my part," Brooks said. "I am declining the health benefits package. That's \$3,763 a year, \$396 a month."



PAULA HAZDOVAC

Brooks, as Carmel's representative, is vice chairman of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County which is wrestling with the Hatton Canyon Freeway, a hot topic that also could be a campaign issue. Although he went along when a previous council voted to spend \$10,000 to join a lawsuit to stop the freeway, Fischer said, "I certainly don't want to dump any more on the Hatton Canyon Freeway. Go ahead and build it. Get it done with."

Hazdovac said she had mixed feelings about the freeway. "This project is as old as I am. I'm afraid it might blow up in their face. I know that we need something better than what exists."

Xmas Tree Disposal Organized in Carmel

Friends of Carmel Forest will conduct their annual Christmas tree mulching program Thursday at Mission Trail Park on Rio Road.

Persons interested in disposing of their trees can bring them to the entrance of the park or put them in front of their houses on the greenbelt area of the public right-of-way for pickup. The tree must be visible from the street and in place no later than 8:30 a.m. All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands and nails are to be removed from the trees.

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Don Fuselier, Incoming Carmel Chief, Loves Being a Policeman

By Carolyn Rice

"This is the greatest job," said Capt. Don Fuselier, who will take over as chief of the Carmel Police Department Jan. 16. "In what other job can you meet Popes and kings and put bad guys in jail?"

A big, friendly man, the 47-year-old Fuselier said his job has allowed him to shake the hands of Pope John Paul II and King Juan Carlos of Spain.

"As a police officer, you get to ride the elevator from the basement to the penthouse," he said, explaining he meets people from every walk of life.

After 22 years in the department, Fuselier will succeed Chief Jack McGilvray who is retiring after heading the department for nearly 12 years.

A dark-haired man with a mustache, Fuselier said he wanted to be a police officer since he was a youngster. It runs in his family. His great-grandfather was the sheriff in Mariposa County and his great-uncle, whose turn of the century pistols are displayed in Fuselier's office, was sheriff of San Joaquin County.

Fuselier started at the department in March of 1972 as a patrolman, was promoted to sergeant in 1980, lieutenant in 1985 and captain in 1987.

The city's fiscal problems will be one of the most difficult issues he will face, said Fuselier who sometimes personally answers the phone at the department.

"We've had a significant reduction in staff," he said, noting a couple of years ago the department had 19 sworn peace officers and now has 14.

People view Carmel as a idyllic little community where crime does not happen, Fuselier said. "Overcoming the public's sense of complacency is one of the major problems police have," he said. "We have crime here. We have violent crime."

Residents need to lock their cars, lock their homes and remove valuables from



CPT. DON FUSELIER, a 22-year veteran of the Carmel police department, will become chief of police on Jan. 16.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

their cars, he said. Also, when they see any suspicious activity, "call us please. I'd rather have our people go on 100 wild goose chases than miss one thing."

Most of the criminal activity in Carmel centers around the downtown business area and involves thefts, he said.

In the 22 years Fuselier has been at the

department, Carmel has had four murders, all which have been solved. By national standards, the murder rate is low, Fuselier acknowledged.

Fuselier said he will continue work as a patrolman, filling in for others who are sick or on vacation. He finds the on-the-street work "fun, exciting and challenging."

You get an adrenaline rush," he said.

"I worked Christmas day and loved it," he said. "The town was really pretty busy."

Tourist season lasts all year round in Carmel, but none of the visitor traffic presents any special problem, he said. In the '50s and '60s, college students who converged on the town during Easter vacations created some problems, but the college crowds don't come anymore, he said.

Child abusers and rapists are the criminals Fuselier find most offensive. "People who have hurt children. These are the people who need to be off the street. You can never undo the damage that those people do."

For those who commit crimes such as that, Fuselier said he favors the concept of life imprisonment after three strikes. "You've forfeited your right to walk as a free person," he said.

A volunteer counselor at the Rape Crisis Center, Fuselier said he works with the husbands or boyfriends of women who have been raped and often talks to groups about the problem.

A perpetual student, Fuselier has a bachelor's degree in administration of justice and a master's in public administration from Golden Gate University. He's currently finishing a theology degree which will qualify him to become an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church, he said. After obtaining the theology degree, he hopes to put it to work counseling in prisons.

Fuselier said his hobbies are film and food "and maybe not in that order." He lives in Monterey but views Carmel as home and loves the lunch choices at local restaurants. "World class restaurants are within walking distance," he said.

Fuselier's wife, Margo, works for a Monterey law firm. He has two grown children and an 8-year-old stepson.

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Greenwood and Ferguson Vie for CVPOA Vice Presidency

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president," and expressed respect for the contributions of both Ferguson and Greenwood over the years. But he did defend the direction in which he has led the CVPOA during his tenure as head of it.

Greenwood said he realized how much his philosophy differed from Ferguson's during a recent CVPOA meeting when the proposed Veeder Ranch development on Garzas Road in Carmel Valley was discussed.

At that meeting, Greenwood proposed homes on the one-acre lots be limited to 4,000 square feet, and Ferguson said he thought the developer's agreement to limit the homes to 5,000 square feet was adequate.

"It seems to me if a fellow buys an acre lot and has a large family, who's to tell him he can't have a 5,000 square-foot-home?" Ferguson asked.

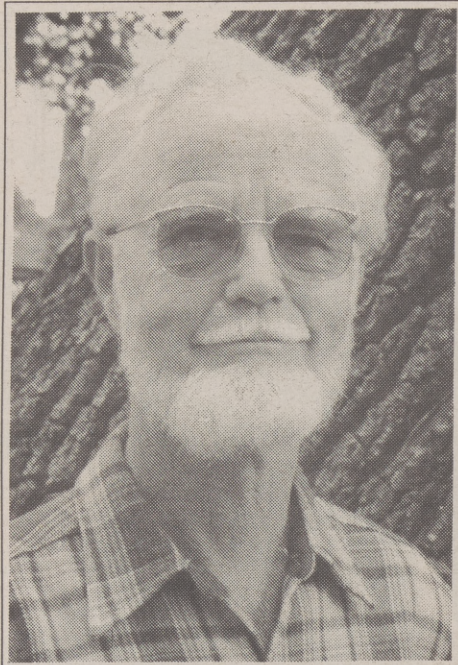
Greenwood's motion asking the CVPOA board to endorse his position failed to receive any votes besides his own, Ferguson recalled.

Greenwood said he believes each development which comes before the county should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, saying he fears large homes built at Veeder Ranch will take out too many oak trees.

Greenwood has chaired the Carmel Valley Subdivision Evaluation Committee which reviews development proposals for the county and contended that county regulations have "many, many gray areas." CVPOA should be ever-ready to make recommendations in those areas, he insisted.

"This is the only organization that can act as a watchdog. There isn't any other," he argued.

But Ferguson said he sees the organization's role in a slightly different light, believing CVPOA "should inform, not police. A property owner shouldn't have to suffer because of an individual (acting through the CVPOA)," he said. "Just to be meddling in everybody's affairs without



ROBERT GREENWOOD

reason is not the CVPOA's purpose.

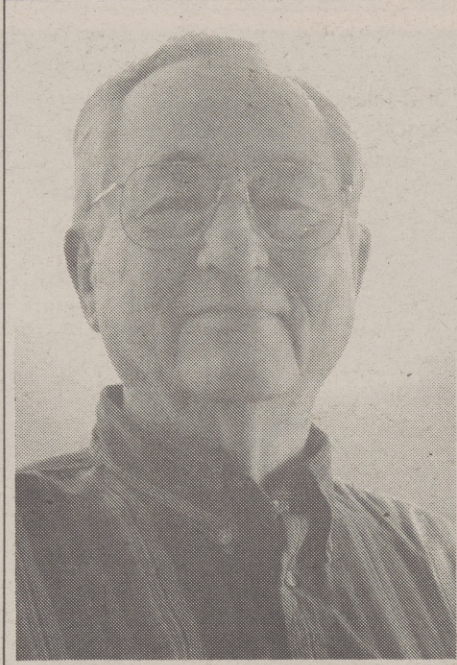
"It used to be 'go get 'um. Don't let them do that,'" he said. "The CVPOA's role should be to advise, help, inform, observe," Ferguson told the Sun.

"There still are schemes coming forward," Greenwood said, citing Rancho San Carlos, Veeder Ranch and Cañada Woods.

Asked if he were a "no-growther," Greenwood described himself as a "minimal growther," arguing CVPOA's role has become more important since the Valley no longer has a resident supervisor or Planning Commissioner. "I see it as our mission to make recommendations," he said.

"I think I have pretty good environmental values," said Ferguson who headed five different divisions of the FMC Corporation before his retirement to Carmel Valley in 1984.

Ferguson said he was "a little disappointed that Bob Greenwood would take it



GEORGE FERGUSON

out on me because he doesn't have justification. We should be trying to live by the Carmel Valley Master Plan."

But he and Greenwood interpret the master plan differently.

Ferguson said he believes individual property rights are protected under the master plan. He also points to the CVPOA's bylaws which state property owners' rights are to be protected. Greenwood points to policies which call for development which is compatible with the natural environment.

Williams acknowledged he has worked to change the atmosphere at board meetings to "achieve productive, problem-solving solutions to our Valley's complex problems."

He pointed to an increase in CVPOA membership to 918, up from around 700 two years ago. In 1988, the membership was at an all-time high of 1,300.

"This year our board has attempted to separate personal feelings of individuals from the official position of the CVPOA," Williams wrote in a president's message. "Experience has proven how harmful to our credibility (as well as to our membership) it has been when this Board has been guided by emotions or manipulated by the hidden agendas of certain self-serving persons or causes."

"We intend to adhere to the representative approach and plan to poll the membership this year on key issues facing our Valley and its future."

"We may lose the support of those members who believe the CVPOA should oppose any and all change in the Valley," Williams said, adding he hoped not because the best efforts result from a balance of opinions.

Greenwood said his challenge of Ferguson was his own idea but he has "found a great deal of sympathy and support." His petition was signed by four CVPOA past-presidents—Max Chaplin, Doug Despard, Jerry Foote and Richard Dalsemer, he said.

Greenwood said he is not looking to move on up to the presidency. "I have no ambition to be president." But he said he would like to see environmentalists elected to the board in the upcoming vote.

He called for the election of Gillian Taylor-Neumeier, Alexander Hen-

son and Sunday Collins, labeling them "strong environmental candidates."

Five candidates are running for the board seats and three will be elected. The other two candidates are incumbent Christopher Cayce, an attorney, and Loren Steck, an owner of a company which conducts public opinion surveys on television shows.

Steck's candidate statement, among other things, calls for repair of environmental damage caused by over-pumping of water from the Carmel River aquifer. Cayce's statement says his goal is to participate in solving the problems which threaten the unique environment of Carmel Valley.

Collins stated she feels development should be carefully controlled and be of a conservative nature. Taylor-Neumeier said she believes the CVPOA "should be much more active in its guardianship role." Henson recommended the CVPOA should resolve to preserve and protect the "rural character" of the Valley.

Ferguson has taken an active role in recent months in supporting the Hatton Canyon Freeway, but Greenwood denied he is opposing him because of that. "Some alternatives seem just as bad," he said. "That's not the issue between me and George Ferguson."

County to Regulate Cable TV; Warns Not to Expect Much

Supervisors put the county in business to regulate cable TV rates Tuesday, but cautioned disgruntled viewers not to expect too much from it.

The board adopted an ordinance giving it power under new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules to regulate basic cable rates charged in the county.

Aleta Cozart, deputy county administrative officer, told the audience, however, the regulations do not allow the county to regulate programming.

Furthermore, Supervisor Edith Johnsen warned that the county's ability to set basic cable charges is even limited. "We've just been given a splinter of a possibility here," she said.

Many of the complaints aired at the hearing came from subscribers of Falcon Cable, which serves several groups of customers in the county, including the Highlands, Prunedale and a small number of customers on Tierra Grande in the Valley.

Citizens complained of continuing disruptions in Falcon's service and frustration in their efforts to reach someone at the company to deal with the problems.

Cliff Bagwell, a Highlands resident who read from a log he has been keeping on service problems, told the board: "Hit them where it hurts, and that's in the pocket-book."

The board scheduled a further hearing for Feb. 11 when supervisors said they intended to examine the books of cable companies and determine whether the rates they charge fall within FCC guidelines.

In September, the board hired a consultant for \$3,000 to assist in applying to the FCC for authority to regulate rates. It won that authority in November, and the adoption of the ordinance was the final step in establishing the county's authority.

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Modest Improvements Proposed For Carmel Post Office Plaza

By Isabelle Hall

Mindful of Carmel's budgetary problems, the Post Office Plaza Improvement Task Force recommended that the City Council undertake modest improvements to upgrade and beautify the area but only if new leases are negotiated.

The report by Co-chairman Steve Brooks noted that Carmel's post office has been the key informal meeting center of the city virtually since its inception. It will be presented to the council Tuesday for policy direction.

Both Brooks and Co-chairman Vance Frasier emphasized that the recommendation was just that. The report said, "There is a further consensus among members that in the light of current hardships in the city's budget forcing cutbacks and the need to seek somewhat controversial revenue sources, the council should not feel compelled to endure this or any other additional projects until the city's fiscal house is in order."

One of two alternatives costing between \$16,000 and \$25,000 was proposed for Fifth Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos outside the building where the Carmel postal station is housed to provide easier access, improve safety and relieve traffic congestion in an attractive manner.

All the options would relocate present drop boxes to gain three parking places; retain the handicap parking place in front of Friar Tuck's restaurant; install bike racks near the present drop box location; replace the planter between the two post office doors with a bench; recommend facade improvements such as building trim paint and exterior wall map or mural; and replace the sidewalk asphalt with interlocking pavers.

Option 1A, the \$25,000 project, also would widen the sidewalk in front of the post office by seven feet taking out three parking places and relocating them across Fifth Avenue where the drop box parking is now. It includes a 22-inch high brick wall seating area separating the street incline from the sidewalk to provide level access into the west door on Fifth Avenue.

The \$16,000 Option 1B is designed as a less expensive version which replaces the brick wall with two benches. Without the wall, the level entrance into the west door is less possible, the report said, but regrading of the sidewalk and minor design changes might also achieve level handicap access.

Yet a third option estimated at \$10,000 would widen the sidewalk 2.5 feet from the alley to Dolores, narrowing the traffic lanes by this amount. An eight-foot, no parking area in front of the post office would give pedestrian access to the street and reduce parking by one place.

A key factor in the decision on whether to adopt any of the options, the report stressed, is whether the two owners of the building are willing to extend their leases and whether the U. S. Postal Service

is agreeable. It suggested the leases which expire in January, 1997, could be renegotiated earlier.

"The Task Force cautions the council to exercise prudence when and if one of the alternatives should be selected and not begin such a project until lease negotiations are completed," the report said. "Prematurely vesting an interest in such a project would unfairly affect the lessee's ability to negotiate and possibly even create a failure to secure a long-term lease on the properties."

An appendix includes short letters from George Jandzjuk, owner of the southern part of the building, and Wells Fargo Bank which represents the estate of Laura Lee, owner of the north section. Jandzjuk said he agreed to a 30-year extension on expiration of the existing lease while the bank representative said the estate "to the best of my knowledge is interested" in a lease extension.

Task Force members talked with Don Ask, Carmel Postmaster at the Mouth of the Valley under which the Carmel-by-the-Sea station operates, about the service's intentions. Ask told them the U.S. Postal Service intended to renew the long-term leases, Brooks said.

Carmel-by-the-Sea is one of only a few towns where residents must physically visit the post office to pick up their mail because there is no delivery. Over the years this has made the post office the central gathering place and added to the charm of the city.

The task force noted that despite well-publicized reports of its meeting Oct. 12, only 23 people attended including the committee members. Option 1A was favored at the time.

It also noted that when the creation of a post office plaza first was suggested by the 2016 Committee which looked into the future of the city, there was a negative response. It cited a survey by the Voice of Carmel which said 320 favored the concept and 755 were opposed.

The report said the survey results and public testimony at an April council meeting where concerns were expressed about traffic and parking impacts "motivated the co-chairs to strive for a design of less magnitude than the 2016 designs and with no impact on parking and traffic."

Memorial Set for Hyllery Mears

A memorial gathering will be held at Andrew Molera State Park at 2:30 p.m. Friday for Hyllery Yuma Mears, 31, former manager of the River Inn restaurant and active civic leader in Big Sur for 10 years.

She died Jan. 2 at Community Hospital of Hodgkins Disease. Her family asked that any memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society or Captain Cooper School.

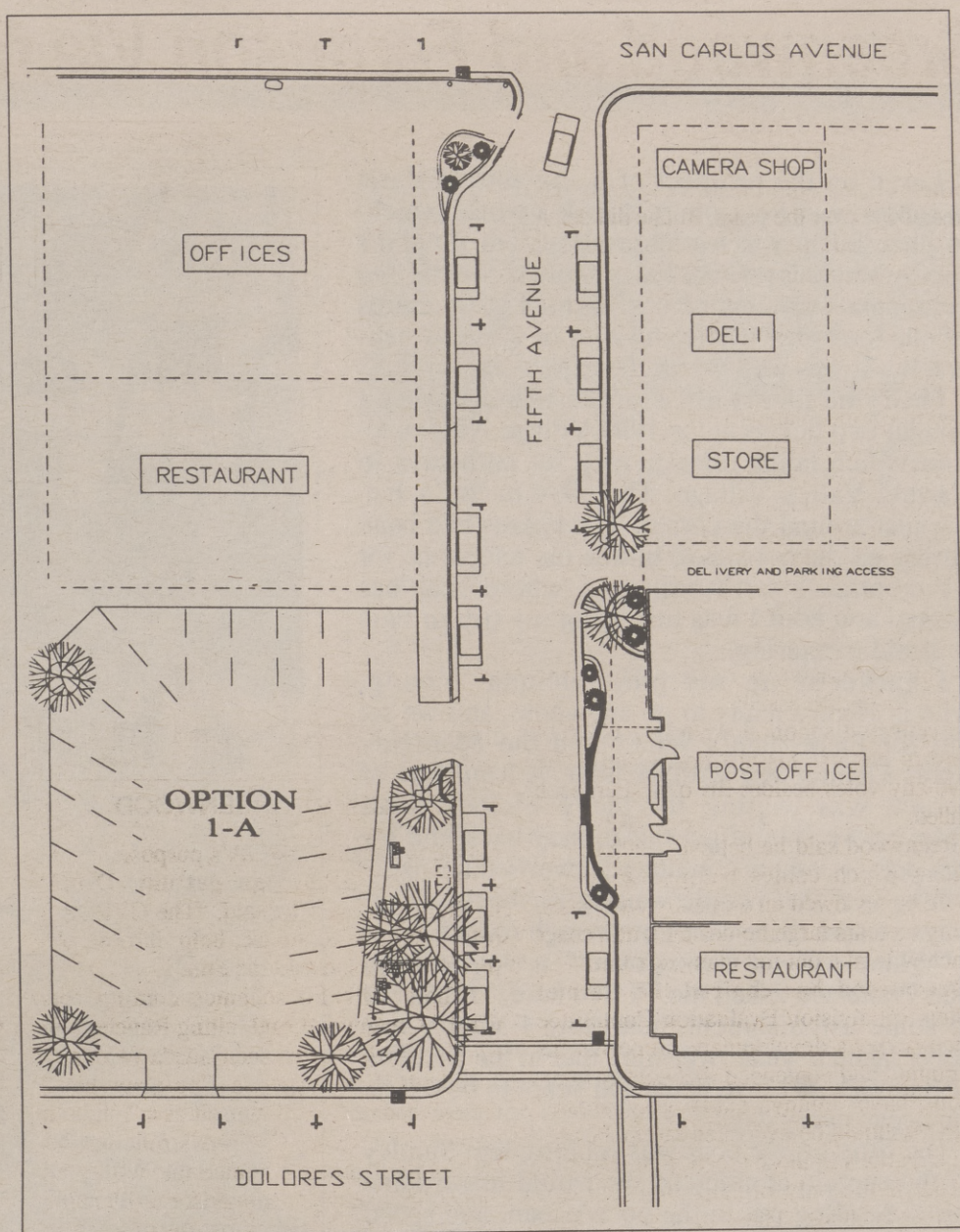


CHART PREPARED BY THE Post Office Plaza Improvement Task Force shows Option 1A which is estimated to cost \$25,000

Eastwood Will Get Human Relations Award

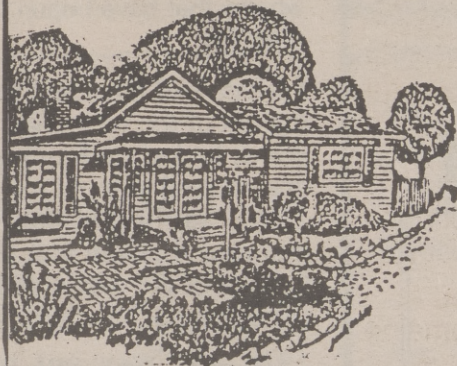
Former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood will be awarded the Sherrill C. Corwin Human Relations Award by the American Jewish Committee in Beverly Hills Jan. 20.

Eastwood will receive the award at a gala dinner where he will be honored as "an outstanding leader in the entertainment industry whose efforts to promote intergroup un-

derstanding and cooperation have furthered the cause of human rights."

The committee cited Eastwood's worldwide reputation for his work as an actor and filmmaker and noted that he "has been deeply involved in civic affairs in the town of Carmel, California, where he has resided for many years and where he served a term as mayor." He was mayor from 1986-87

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OUT AND A

Lured by the prospect of being able to shoot dolphins with my camera, I took a whale-watching trip Sunday in Monterey Bay. The dolphins that other lucky folks have spotted around the peninsula were nowhere in sight. I got pictures of one lone gray whale and a lot of whale-watchers, but it was well worth the trip.

I had paid for my trip almost a year ago when I bought two tickets at the 1993 Village Affair auction which helps raise money for pathways in Carmel Valley Village. The 1994 event is Jan. 17, just around the corner. The tickets had been sitting on the bookshelf beside the telephone for 11 months. I can't believe a whole year has passed and here I was just using my trip in time to avoid it expiring.

I gathered up my pal, Luciana Young, who is always ready to go anywhere, and we set out for Fisherman's Wharf and the Monterey Sport Fishing and Cruises boat. A long line of people was waiting for the 1 o'clock boat. "Maybe we should get our money back and try that one over there," muttered a worried tourist.

Why is it that people waiting for boats are always so sure there won't be enough room?

"Where are you visting from?" a woman from San Francisco asked me. "I live here," I told her to some astonishment, admitting I simply had never taken a whale-watching tour in the past five years much as I love boats and yearn to be out on the ocean every day.

The little cruise boat was running late Sunday so the captain announced we would make some speed heading out to the open ocean, and speed we did, whipping up a great white wake across the icy blue waters.

About 100 pairs of eyes were glued to the waves for that exciting spume of white water that signals a whale has broken the surface when finally the captain said one had been spotted at 1 o'clock. Everyone rushed to the starboard rail except the group where I was planted on the port side. I figured if I stayed there eventually the whale would pass on its way south to Baja in the annual migration of these denizens of the deep from Alaska to their birthing grounds.

Teasing us, the captain said on the previous run



WHALE-WATCHERS LEAVE Monterey Bay on an excursion boat hopeful of sighting some of the gray whales that have begun their annual migration to Baja, California, and the large schools of dolphins sighted recently.
Sun photos by Isabelle Hall

a whale had breached with its whole body jumping out of the water four times in a row. We were not as lucky, trailing just that one whale, but no one seemed to mind too much.

The San Francisco woman, however, announced that she had taken all the pictures she wanted of the whale and was "saving the rest for the dolphins." Such optimism.

On our way out of the harbor, we had sailed past the huge brown seals that sprawl along the rocks at the end of the Coast Guard pier, seen bunches of those prehistoric looking Brown Pelicans lolling on various boats, and noted several otters characteristically cracking shells on their tummies as they rocked on their backs in the waves.



BROWN PELICANS PERCH on a fishing boat in Monterey Bay

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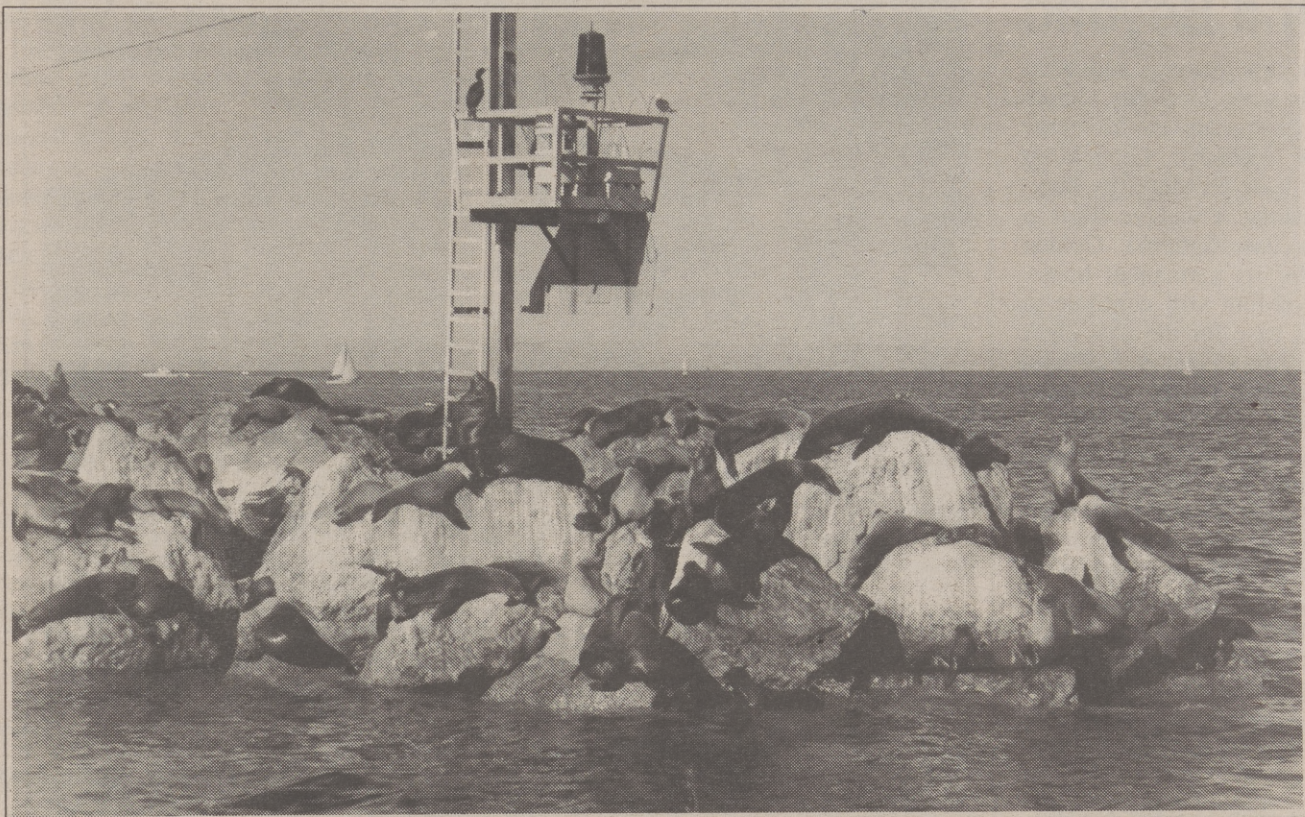
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BY ISABELLE HALL



HUGE SEALS LOUNGE on the rocks at the end of the U.S. Coast Guard Wharf in Monterey, above, while human mammals, top right, propel a kayak through the choppy waters.

There were a couple of other interesting mammals out there as well, humans casually kayaking atop waves that looked and felt as if they must be 50 feet high. But that big school of dolphins reported in our waters was nowhere to be found.

I thought of Captain Ahab and Moby Dick as we rode the top of the swells. When we turned back north to round Lover's Point and head back into the bay, we were hitting the swells broadside. The water was crashing over my side of the boat soaking everything in its wake with a salty spray. As I licked my lips, it tasted like briny oysters.

When a huge wave broke over us, a young girl in front of me turned back and we both broke up laughing as the water ran down our faces.

"It's just like Niagara Falls," I hollered at her. "Have you ever been there?" She nodded yes, and we giggled at the memory of riding the little, indomitable Maid of the Mist that chugs right up

beneath the Canadian and American Falls. It is an awesome experience to get that close to those mighty falls, to feel the incredible power of water.

The first time Stan, who has a wheat farm on the high, dry plains of Texas, saw the falls, his eyes widened in amazement and he said, "Oh, if we only had water like that back in Texas, we could grow anything."

Riding the ocean waves gives you a mighty quick lesson in the power of water. Everyone on our sturdy boat paused for thought when we spotted a lone kayaker far out in the ocean riding the waves. He made me think of the early Aleutian people who paddled kayaks across the Bering Straits, hunting all kinds of sea animals for subsistence.

Most of us want to start the new year out well. My idea was to get out on the water right away to inspire myself to do it more often. Sometimes that works.



I approach every new year full of hope filtered through the many superstitions I was raised with. I suspect we all have some.

My father, an intelligent, perfectly sane man, forbid us to put up the new year's calendar until after midnight Jan. 1. It was terribly bad luck to do otherwise, he maintained.

At the same time, the Christmas tree had to be undressed and removed from the house before the clock struck 12 on New Year's Eve. It was courting the devil to have the tree, or any Christmas decoration for that matter, still in the house after the new year began.

My husband, whom most would describe as being as down-to-earth as they come, must eat roast pork, black-eyed peas and cornbread on New Year's Day or risk the wrath of the evil spirits through the year. It wasn't until we had been married 25 years that I learned he actually does not like roast pork.

Like the Chinese, I like to have all my bills paid at year's end although I have often wondered where you were supposed to get the money to pay them should you not have it on hand.

I don't go on a diet but I sure do like to step up the exercise. Funny what a difference a day makes.

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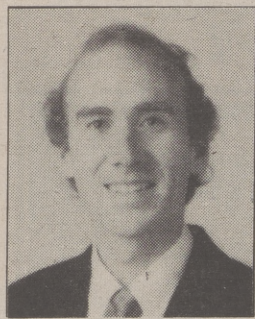
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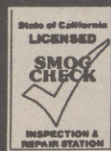
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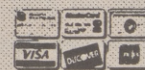
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DISCOVERY — THE LIVELY ARTS

By Janey Bennett

GroveMont at First Night—and Beyond

The good news is an estimated 10,000 people attended New Year's Eve festivities at First Night Monterey. The bad news is that the entertainment venues set up for the celebration were inadequate for 10,000 people.

So, while everyone I saw standing on Alvarado Street with their kids, talking to friends and strangers, seemed not to mind that they couldn't get in to the performances they wanted to see, this reviewer also couldn't get in to any shows, except the Fairy Tale Theatre performances held at 4 o'clock outdoors in the Custom House Plaza.

Fairy Tale Theatre presented The Brementown Musicians, Three Billy Goats Gruff and Androcles and the Lion, with a cast of six talented performers, dressed in neutral sweatsuits and pieces of costume, performing charmingly simplified versions of these well-known tales, without benefit of scenery. The actors were Denise Clifford, Chris Heimer, Jeff Heyer, Julie Hughett, Jose Lambert and Mary Ann Schaupp, with writer-director John Rousseau at the synthesizer.

The small children with me were fascinated by the troll in Three Billy Goats Gruff, made up of three be-wigged actors standing in pyramid, speaking in unison and wearing claw-like gloves only on the outside pair of hands. It was truly a theatre of the imagination, sketching the outlines of the story and letting the audience fill in the details, to everyone's benefit.

Fairy-Tale Theatre is one of the divisions of GroveMont Theatre, which has been around the Monterey area for a busy decade. Founded in 1983 by Executive Director Stephen Moorer, it has been pre-

senting plays, poetry readings and other theatrical events in many locations, including, for the past three years, the Monterey Playhouse. As of December, GroveMont did not renew the lease on Monterey Playhouse, instead making a massive effort to raise funds to purchase Carmel's Golden Bough Theatre for its permanent home. Meanwhile, GroveMont will continue to operate out of its base for the past eight years, the Theatre Arts Center on Hoffman at Lighthouse, at the border of Pacific Grove and Monterey. GroveMont, get it?

Who are these people who make up this group, and what does GroveMont do?

In addition to Moorer, GroveMont's staff includes Development Director and Dramaturge Dan Gotch (A dramaturge is a company's literary manager; Gotch finds the plays for the company), John Rousseau, who is Technical Director and Artist-in-Residence, Business Manager and Actor-in-Residence Julie Hughett and Michael Jacobs, Promotional Director and Actor-in-Residence.

It is unusual for theatre folks to maintain alliances for long times, but Moorer, Rousseau and Gotch have been working together for GroveMont for more than 10 years. The entire staff has been together for more than five years.

GroveMont has eight distinct programs on its agenda:

- Monterey Bay TheatreFest is in its 11th year: a free program of varied productions for children and adults performed at Monterey's Custom House Plaza each summer. It includes excerpts from Shakespeare, fairy-tales, classics, and lots of swashbuckling.
- Actor's Performance Ensemble Touring Program travels with small productions to schools, libraries, juvenile halls and parks in the Central Coast area. Fairy Tale Theatre is part of this group.

- Carmel Shake-Speare Festival has offered one production each year for the past 11 summers at the Outdoor Forest Theatre.

- The Contemporary Play Series presents challenging new dramas, frequently in their first California performances.

- Actors in the Adobes is a program co-produced with various city and local agencies, using historical buildings for on-site performances of re-enactments of episodes of California history.

- The Poetic Drama Institute produces dramatic evenings of poetry, literature and music.

- The Author-in-Residence program sponsors local authors' works in world-



GRANDPA'S TREAT, an oil by George Hallmark, is one of the new works that will be featured by Trailside Americana in Carmel at a show opening Jan. 19.

premier productions.

- In another way of building public involvement, GroveMont offers performing arts classes and workshops.

This is a record that almost any theatre group in the world would struggle to match.

Through serious fund-raising during the past year, GroveMont has raised 80 percent of the \$1.25 million purchase price for the Golden Bough Theatre. The facility has two theatres: a mainstage which seats 300 and a downstairs experimental theatre with 100 seats. Other music and theatre companies, including Children's Experimental Theatre, San José Opera and Monterey Opera Association, have expressed interest in renting the facility once it belongs to GroveMont.

Development Director Gotch says, "It is a proven statistic that of the nation's theatres which are successful and flourishing, their common trait is that they either own their own facility or have obtained a highly subsidized (read: rent free) arrangement in a municipal facility. Conversely, of the theatres that are failing, the primary reason cited is that of facility costs."

Loans, pledges and donations have supplied the funding GroveMont now holds. GroveMont's shortfall is about \$250,000 as of this writing. Donations at any level are gratefully received, especially since this is the final month in the effort to raise these Golden Bough purchase funds.

This month, GroveMont will present two upcoming poetry productions: Kipling/Service will have only one performance, Saturday Jan. 8 at 8 p. m. at the GroveMont Theatre Arts Center. Jeff Hudelson as Rudyard Kipling and Bill Logan as Robert Service meet and discuss "poetry, gold mining, tall tales of India and Alaska, saloons, native uprisings and other topics..." The following week, also at GroveMont Theatre Arts Center, Beautiful Lofty Things (Irish Artists Confront Irish Rebellions) opens a three-week run. This evening of poetry of W.B. Yeats and other Irish writers, together with tales from Celtic mythology and scenes from plays of Sean O'Casey, will also feature Irish rebel songs performed by Wild Hearts. For more information about GroveMont, telephone 649-0340.

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MORE LETTERS

Greenwood Knows Lands Use Planning

I was privileged to serve for two years as a director of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA). As a member of the board's Water Management Committee, I worked closely with Robert Greenwood. His love for the Valley is evidenced by the numerous hours he spends each month preparing for and attending water board meetings. He is one of the few people in our audience who is not paid to be there.

Robert's knowledge of land use planning is equally impressive. No one knows more about the Carmel Valley Master Plan than Robert who served on the citizen's committee which framed the document. He currently chairs the Carmel Valley Subdivision Evaluation Committee and is well acquainted with projects moving through the development pipeline.

We need an individual in a position of leadership with CVPOA who has the history, knowledge and experience to adequately represent the organization before the Board of Supervisors. Fortunately, Robert Greenwood is running for vice president of CVPOA. I look forward to voting for him when my ballot arrives.

Fran Farina
Carmel Valley

The author is a director of the water management district board.—The Ed.

Wake Up, CVPOA

Just before the holidays several items appeared in the news that should have been of concern to all Valley residents. These referred to various developments underway, or planned, which will affect several critical 20-year, or older, problems.

In past years, the Carmel Valley Property Owners have been staunch supporters of planning regulations and the Carmel Valley Master Plan which guard most of the qualities of life that brought us here in the first place. We have watched with increasing apprehension these qualities being eroded.

Your CVPOA board has always been alert to these dangers, and sensitive to the concerns of its members. However, we sense a lack of the old dedication in recent years. We have been "lobbied" by development interests of late into accepting ideas of altering some of the terms of our hard-won Master Plan to suit the desires of those who will profit by these changes.

Wake up, CVPOA, The upcoming election of the new board in January gives the members a clear choice. Robert

Greenwood has labored for you for 20 years on your board of directors. I have worked with him many of those years when we served together on the board. In 1984, Robert was your president and I served briefly as vice president. He helped construct the Carmel Valley Master Plan. I know how hard he worked, because I worked by his side as long as I was able. I urge you to cast your vote for Robert Greenwood for vice president of the 1994 CVPOA board.

Glen Chang
Carmel

Appreciated Student Photo Review

I was very happy to read your Dec. 16 review of the 10th Annual MPC Student and Members Exhibit. It always is a pleasure, particularly for students, to have their work reviewed. I have run student exhibitions over the last 20 years and find that very few have been reviewed. Students can use your quotations in their resumes for continuing education or for exhibitions.

This review comes at a very critical time in our development because not only technically is photography in transition, but also students are being charged a much higher tuition particularly with B.A. or above degrees. Our enrollment has dropped down considerably with this and Fort Ord's closure. We are desperately trying to maintain our enrollment in order to offer a bare-bones program.

Thank you again for your community support and for your fine review.

Roger Fremier
Monterey Peninsula College

Time to Fire TAMC Members?

It's time to fire the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC).

I had the misfortune of leaving Carmel Highlands/Mal Paso Road at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Traffic was stopped, bumper-to-bumper south of the Highlands Inn. There were no accidents or road construction. It took me one hour to reach Rio Road.

Obviously, the feeble and overpriced stoplight at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road does nothing to help traffic like this. Yes, it was Christmas traffic, but these visitors are vital to support our service-based economy. We need the Hatton Canyon Bypass now. The arrogance of these pseudo-environmental protestors is matched only by their selfishness and their stupidity. Forget the aggravation and delay of such

awful traffic. The smog these idling vehicles create (much more than moving vehicles) is visible and felt as far as Cachagua. I'm sick of people calling a small spring and septic tank run-off a wetlands. This is not the last bastion of wilderness in Monterey County.

TAMC knows as much about traffic control and management as a pig would. North and southbound traffic on Highway 1 has to be able to proceed without stopping at the mouth of Carmel Valley. I don't know where these TAMC members came from, but I do know who is paying their salaries. We taxpayers.

We don't need a tunnel at Ocean Avenue. We don't need more massive development of condos and hotels. We don't need a parking lot at Monastery Beach, or even to "improve" Carmel Valley Road. We just need the one thing that will fix the clogged mess at the mouth of Carmel Valley, and that is the Hatton Canyon Bypass. TAMC and these bleeding-heart protestors should be tarred, feathered and run out of town on a rail.

Warren John Wolfe
Carmel Valley

Despard Backs Greenwood

As a former president and member for many years of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association, I strongly urge your vote for Robert Greenwood for vice president.

I worked with Robert and others to try and maintain this beautiful valley for prosperity. Let's vote for Robert to continue these endeavors to preserve, protect and defend the natural beauty and resources of Carmel Valley.

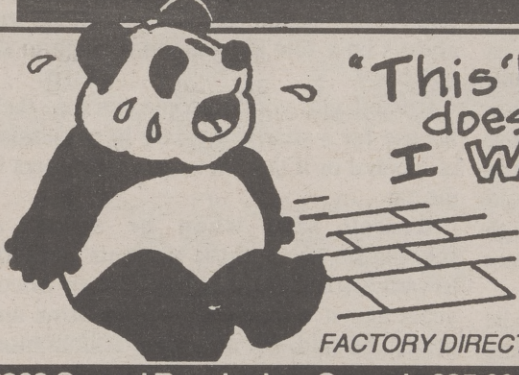
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FUN-IN-THE-SUN

BY DAVE LYON

TEAM EXTREME, the valley's newest and hottest roller blade organization, continues to meet everyday at the Tularcitos School lower playground. Team Ex. was formed about four months ago and is open to roller-blading valley kids of all skill levels, boys and girls alike. There are currently about nine kids on the team. Kids interested in joining must provide all their own safety gear; helmets, knee pads, wrist pads and shoulder pads are required. There is a small fee of \$15. For more info on Team Extreme call Robert at 659-2143. No fear.

Well gang, so far that big rain dance we all did at the beginning of November hasn't gotten us all too wet yet, the valley river isn't running so the CVCYC sponsored inner-tube races are on hold. But, the weather is excellent, and these mild January days are providing the perfect excuse to get out from under all that football and enjoy a walk through your valley park! Take the dog in tow and work off some more of those Christmas fruitcakes while appreciating the beauty of our own little corner of paradise. The football will still be there when you get back, and the rains probably won't start again until the 49ers head off to the Superbowl.

And please, remember to keep Fido on a leash and clean up after him. Park turf honcho Lee Warner will be citing all dogs found running loose, and their owners will be assigned to weekend Scooper Patrol. A clean park is a healthy park for everyone!

Make plans now to attend the annual Village Affair, coming to the Los Laureles Lodge January 17th. This extremely popular event is brought to you by the good folks on the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee and features an outstanding sampling of local restaurant and winery offerings.

All the money raised goes right back into the community in the form of improved

pathways in and around the village area. The latest stretch of pathway was installed just a few weeks ago along Ford road, directly in front of the Community Center. The new section will make a safer access for valley kids coming and going to Tularcitos School, and for all of you out there now rushing off to walk your dogs at the park.

I was taking down the Christmas tree this past weekend, watching all 27 bowl games and looking forward to a new year full of stress-free living and more time to do all those things I somehow just never found the time to do last year. Then I discovered that my two Golden Retrievers had gotten into the large tin of holiday rum balls, and I realized that the new year was going to be no different than the old. So I cashed in all my resolutions, fell back on my evil ways, and let the dogs up on the couch again. Next thing you know I'll be letting them drive my car around.

Resolutions or not, wishes for a very happy new year goes out to you in SUNland from the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. On behalf of Prez Bill Tarp and all your volunteer friends and neighbors at the CVCYC. Here's hoping that 1994 brings everyone the best of happiness, good health, and all the rum balls you desire.

For those of you suffering through the early winter blues and needing distraction, your Community Center is sponsoring our first annual "Big Chill" party, to be held Saturday, the 29th of January, 9 a.m., at the Carmel Valley pool. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and join your friends in an early morning plunge into the not-so-tropical waters of the valley pool. (52 degrees at last reading)

This special event will be free of charge, and is open to valley residents of all ages. Wet suits and other winter-weather gear are not permitted, but sodas and cold beer will be available, along with ice cream for the kids. Call the Community Center for more information. Canceled if raining.

For those of you seeking a warmer approach to life, and for everyone who enjoyed maybe just one too many rum balls over the holidays, the CVCYC is still offering the morning and evening Jazzercise classes, designed for and open to individuals of all fitness levels. Information on class times and registration may be obtained by contacting the Community Center office at 659-3983.

Watch this space for an up-dated calendar of events coming soon to the Community Center, and a very happy new year to all!

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For Drivers Under 21'

New Drinking Laws Can Lead To One-Year License Loss

By Carolyn Rice

Drivers under 21 who drink any alcoholic beverage and then drive risk losing their license for a year under a strict new state law which went into effect Jan. 1.

Called the zero tolerance law, it states drivers under 21 who are stopped for any reason can be asked to take a breath analyzer test if the highway patrolman suspects they have been drinking.

If any amount of alcohol registers, the patrolman will confiscate the license on the spot and send it to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) which will keep it for one year.

If the driver feels the license has been taken in error, he or she can appeal to the DMV.

Shawn Russell, public affairs officer for the California Highway Patrol (CHP), said the whole matter will be taken care of administratively. Teens will not be arrested. It won't go on their driving record. And they won't have a license for a year.

If they refuse to take the test, they will lose their license, he said.

Last year 238 Californians ages 16 to 20 were killed in alcohol-involved crashes, the CHP reported. Motor vehicle collisions are the number one killer of California teens.

The new law doesn't mean officers will automatically ask every person under 21 to take the test, Russell said. But if they observe a driver weaving, smell alcohol on the person's breath or if the individual has bloodshot eyes or does not pass a field sobriety check, he or she will be asked to take the test.

Previously, even though it was illegal for teenagers to drink alcohol and drive, they had to be under the influence at a .05 percent to be found guilty, Russell said. "Now you have to be at zero percent. If you have anything above, you've lost your license."

Russell said other substances such as cough or cold medicine can activate the preliminary alcohol screening device but they do not leave the distinctive smell on the breath which alcohol does. "Liquor has that distinct odor," he said. He also said cold medicine would register extremely high immediately after it was taken and then not at all after an hour.

In his four-year career, Russell said he has arrested about 12 teenagers for driving under the influence. He noted he is one of 46 highway patrolmen in the county who have probably made a similar number of arrests.

He said he's stopped at least two dozen more teenagers who were drinking but not to the point of drunkenness. These are the ones who would fall under the new law.

The old laws are still on the books and if a driver under 21 is above .05 percent level, he will be charged with the criminal violations along with losing his license immediately.

Russell said young people basically don't have a lot of money, so legislators looked for "the most important thing you can take

from them" and decided it was their driver's license.

Bob Galeria, supervising probation officer for the county, estimated between 100 and 150 teens in the county lost their licenses last year under the old laws. He predicted the number "will jump" under the zero tolerance law. "The new law doesn't talk about drunk driving. It's any alcohol at all," he said.

When asked about her reaction to the new law, Allison Bohnen, a junior at Carmel High School, said, "I like it personally. It will make kids think twice before driving under the influence. I hope it does."

Bohnen said she knows of a couple of high school students who have lost their licenses because of driving under the influence. She predicts the new law will cause a lot more to lose them.

Bryan Duarte, a senior at Carmel high, questioned whether non-alcoholic beer could register on the breath analyzer.

Russell said he expected it would take a large number of non-alcoholic beers for the device to register alcohol, but if it did it would mean the students had alcohol in their system and they would forfeit their license.

"Our school is pretty cautious," Duarte said. "Not many drink and drive. They designate a driver who doesn't drink."

Sam Melton, a senior, was surprised to hear about the new law. "Wow. That's amazing," he said, adding that he did not think it would stop students from drinking and driving. "I think there are a few who do drink and drive," he said. "I've seen it." But he said he would estimate the number is less than 1 percent of the student body. "Most kids are smart enough not to. They aren't going to drink and drive at all. The laws are already very strict. The few kids that are going to do it won't change no matter how severe the law is. There will always be a few kids stupid enough to do it."

Russell said young people can lose their license for a year if they are in possession of alcohol or if there are open containers in the car.

Russell said when he speaks at schools he can see the students' attitude toward alcohol is changing. "Ten or fifteen years ago it was no big deal to drink and drive," he said, but now there is both more awareness of the problem and violators receive stricter punishments.

Asked if young people will switch to smoking marijuana rather than drinking because of the new law, Russell said, "I can't see them changing drugs."

He said highway patrolmen also cite people who are under the influence of drugs. This requires a test at the hospital if a person fails field sobriety tests as the breath-screening device only tests for alcohol.

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New Rec Director Hopes Program Can Be Self-Supporting

By Carolyn Rice

Joslin Soulé, who took over Monday as Carmel's new recreation director, said she hopes the department—which has been threatened with extinction in the past two years of budget restraints—can become self-supporting.

The 23-year-old, one of 20 applicants for the job, said in an interview she wants to survey the community to find out what programs are offered now and then fill in the gaps.

Asked if it made her nervous to come to a job that was scrutinized each year during budget hearings, she responded that this is a typical happening in most communities today.

"I knew of Carmel's financial difficulties when I came here. Recreation is always the first thing to be looked at in any community with financial problems. That's appropriate," she said.

Soulé replaces Mike Gorczyca who resigned in August to take another position after two years of uncertainty in which the administration proposed to cut the depart-

ment. Each time it was saved by the City Council.

Soulé said she was not promising the recreation program would become self-supporting overnight but eventually she thinks it can happen.

Specific salaries are not disclosed by City Hall but the new director assumed a position that pays from \$2,196 to \$2,669 per month plus 33 percent of the total in benefits.

The first goal of the long-haired, blue-eyed brunette is to look at recreation offerings community-wide, she said. "I will try to fill in the gaps in child and adult programming. I don't want to duplicate offers of programs from other areas. The community doesn't need that."

Soulé came from San Rafael where she worked for the American Red Cross in its health and safety program. Prior to that she worked in the recreation program at the University of California at San Diego which was self-supporting, she said. Water aerobics, massage and karate were some of



JOSLIN SOULE

the offerings there.

Soulé said she has a communications degree with a minor in Soviet studies from the University of California at San Diego. She grew up in Nevada and Northern California.

A water and snow skier, Soulé said she enjoys interacting with people of all ages. "Usually people are out to have a good time in the recreation setting," she said. "They are usually in a pleasant mood."

Looking forward to living in Carmel, Soulé said she enjoys walking and hiking and is eager to take advantage of the trails the area has to offer.

She was chosen from five of the 20 applicants who actually were interviewed by a committee composed of Assistant Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio, City Forester Gary Kelly, Acting Recreation Coordinator Jerry Pullen and Chair Pat Sippel and former Chair Laurie Schumann of the Recreation Commission.

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Yankee Point Neighbors Question Proposed Second Story Addition

Some neighbors criticized the proposed remodeling of a Yankee Point Drive home Monday, asking why the part-time inhabitants should be allowed to add a second story that would obscure the ocean view of full time residents behind them.

After hearing complaints and examining plans prepared by architect Jon Sather Erlandson of Monterey, the Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee continued its hearing for two weeks.

Chairman Marc Davidian said the time was necessary to allow the committee to ask the Planning Department if the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dorricott of Los Altos Hills, could legally increase the floor area ratio of the property considering that the house already exceeds the allowable lot coverage for the area.

Neighbors Phyllis Dake and Bonni Weinstein said that the owners infrequently used the home. But Erlandson said the remodeling was being planned to create a retirement home for the couple. He said he understood they planned to move permanently to the area within about five years, adding they needed the proposed six bedrooms because they had a number of grandchildren.

The proposed second story addition would create a structure 21.5 feet tall, Erlandson said, well within the 30-foot tall height limit that exists in the neighborhood some five miles south of Carmel.

Committee member Barbara Rainer explained to about a dozen neighbors who gathered at the property for the hearing that her Carmel Meadows neighborhood had voted to reduce the height limit there to 18 feet, suggesting the Yankee Point area might consider doing something similar.

Davidian said he personally did not agree with the 30-foot limit, suggesting it should be lower, but both he and Rainer told the neighbors that the committee must abide by the regulations as they exist in the Carmel Area Land Use Plan.

Weinstein, who lives on Carmel Riviera Drive, a street behind Yankee Point, said the proposed addition would block the ocean view from her home. She questioned why the Dorricotts, who have a clear view of the ocean, would consider an addition which would block the views of residents who live in the neighborhood permanently.

Rainer said the process of changing the height limitation of homes is time consuming since it requires a vote of residents and must be approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Coastal Commission and then ratified by the supervisors before it goes into effect.

"I think it took us six or eight months," she said of the height reduction in Carmel Meadows which was approved about three years ago.

After the advisory committee acts on the Dorricott's application, its recommendation, which is not binding, will be forwarded to the County Planning Commission for its use during consideration of the application.

Bank Will Donate 1 Percent Of New Deposits to FOCUS

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Los Laureles Lodge Outdoor Music Appeal Postponed until Jan. 18

County supervisors postponed until Jan. 18 a hearing on an appeal from Los Laureles Lodge challenging two conditions imposed on a use permit allowing it to have live outdoor music.

At that time, the whole issue will be open to public testimony, said Chairwoman Barbara Shipnuck. The hearing was set for 4 p.m.

The supervisors were scheduled to take up the appeal late Tuesday, but put it off because more time was deemed necessary if the entire matter was to be discussed.

Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis, who issued the use permit, said the time had been set aside to consider just the two conditions being appealed. But he added county counsel advised the whole matter could be discussed, and he felt about 90 minutes would be need to consider the complete permit.

Neighbors have complained the lodge has increased its outdoor entertainment, and they have to contend with excessive noise

from live musical groups. The lodge agreed to build a sound control shell to limit noise in the neighborhood and limit the hours and number of times it schedules live entertainment.

But attorney Myron Etienne filed an appeal against two of the conditions imposed by Ellis. One asked the lodge to use a sound engineer to monitor noise to make certain it was not "excessively audible at the at the most sensitive residential areas."

Results of the monitoring are to be reported to Ellis in six months along with recommendations for further noise mitigation if needed. The condition also said at the end of the six months, Ellis would conduct a public comment session to review the effectiveness of the noise mitigation portions of the permit. Etienne also objected to the condition stating the permit would expire Aug. 12, 1996.

The county staff has recommended the board deny both the challenges by the lodge.

HOME SALES

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from December 17 through December 23, 1993. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sales prices shown are based upon documentary transfer tax stamps recorded and may or may not reflect the actual final sales price of the properties below. The Sun makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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25495 SHAFTER WAY. Robert R. Benton to John and Whitney Wheeler. \$181,000.
24971 CARMEL HILLS DRIVE. Joseph F. and Susan H. Parrish to Edwin L. Lundblad. \$265,000.
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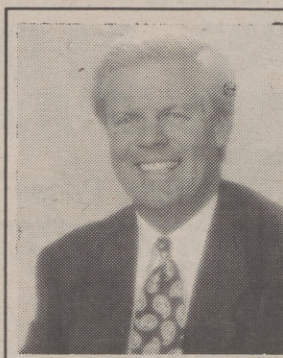
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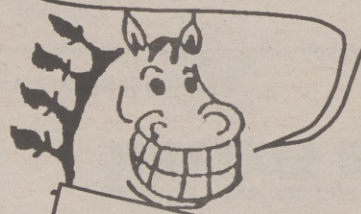
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CITY COUNCIL
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THE REGULAR MEETING
11 JANUARY 1994
3:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION
3:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION
(Council Chambers)

NO AGENDA ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 9:00 P.M. UNLESS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL. ANY AGENDA ITEMS NOT CONSIDERED AT THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE CONTINUED TO A FUTURE DATE AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

I. CLOSED SESSION (3:00 P.M.)

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the City Council may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with personnel and/or pending possible litigation and/or conferring with the City Council's Meyers-Milius-Brown Act representative.

OPEN SESSION

3:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL (3:30 P.M.)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Edward G. Jordan for his service on the Planning Commission
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-01 commending Chief John J. McGilvray upon his retirement after more than twelve years of service to the City
- Introduction of Joslin Soule, Recreation Coordinator

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION AND FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Announcements from Closed Session
- General announcements from Council Members
- Reports from Council representatives to outside agencies

VI. APPEARANCES

Anyone wishing to address the City Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so now. Please rise, state your name and the matter on which you wish to speak. Matters not appearing on the City Council agenda will not receive action at this meeting. Presentations will be limited to three minutes, or as established by the City Council.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve the City Council Minutes for the meetings of 6, 7, 9 and 28 December 1993, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
- Ratify the bills paid for the month of December 1993, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-03 approving the following personnel actions: 1) reclassification of an Administrative Assistant to the position of Administrative Secretary and the elimination of an Administrative Assistant position in the Department of Administration; and 2) authorization to fill two Library II positions previously frozen and the elimination of one Library III position.
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-04 authorizing the settlement of a Workers' Compensation claim with a Police Department employee (Parking Officer) by granting a permanent disability settlement in the amount of \$1700 and future medical coverage
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-05 amending the fee schedule for the auditing of Council/Commission/Board meeting tapes
- Deny and refer claims for damages — Agnes Fraser Gump, Kerry Lee Jewelers, and Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company in amounts unknown
- Approve the request of Jon Sather Erlandson on behalf of Don and Elinor Tobin regarding the registration of a subordinate unit received after the filing deadline
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-06 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with the law firm of Liebert, Cassidy & Frierson for the purpose of providing employment relations, personnel and other training, as well as unlimited telephone consultations, as part of the City's participation in the Monterey Bay Area Employment Relations Consortium for calendar year 1994
- Accept the Audit Report and Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 1992-93
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-07 authorizing continued membership in the Monterey Bay Clean Air Coalition and payment for said membership
- Authorize the Mayor to send letters to State legislators urging them to encourage manufacturers to develop new markets for recycled products
- Adopt Resolution No. 94-09 prohibiting vehicular parking or standing on certain streets from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between February 3 and 6 1994 during the AT&T Golf Tournament
- Adopt Resolution 94-10 accepting a gift from the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea in the amount of \$750 for the purchase of poinsettias for the holiday season

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission denying an exterior color change to property located on Crespi Street six houses southeast of Mountain View (Block 104, Lot 7). The appellants are John Petlansky and Diana Knight.
- Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission granting DS 93-16 approving a design study for a new two-story residence located at 26177 Ladera (2nd Addition Mission Tract, Lot 15). The appellants are Noel Mapstead and Anthony Miranda representing the Carmel Mission Indians
- Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission granting Use Permit 93-05 allowing the paving of an existing parking lot located in the R-I Land Use District and within an area of archaeological significance (Carmel Mission Basilica). The appellants are Noel Mapstead and Anthony Miranda representing the Carmel Mission Indians

IX. ORDINANCES

None

X. ORDERS OF COUNCIL

- Receive report from the Post Office Plaza Improvement Task Force and provide policy direction

XI. RESOLUTIONS

- Consideration of Resolution No. 94-02 approving the recommendations of the Traffic Committee:
 - Define the lanes of travel by marking on the pavement and relocate the stop sign on Ocean Avenue and Carpenter Street
 - Install stop signs at the intersection of Mission Street and 11th Avenue
- Consideration of Resolution No. 94-08 entering into Memoranda of Understanding with Employee Association(s)

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR (PULLED ITEMS)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meetings of the City Council will be:

18 January 1994

3:30 p.m. — Council Chambers

(Mid-year Budget Review)

Regular Meeting

1 February 1994

3:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

3:30 p.m. (Open Session, City Hall Council Chambers)

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed DECEMBER 23, 1993
 File No. F932327

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Lee Ann Kelley
 26130 S. Carmel Hills Drive
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This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/01/93.

(s) Lee Ann Kelley

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed DECEMBER 27, 1993
 File No. F932333

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Monterey, CA 93940
 Brian T. Smith
 889 Pacific Street
 Monterey, CA 93940

This business is conducted by an individual.

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(s) Brian T. Smith

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed November 30, 1993
 File No. F932139

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Cotton Bale a California Corporation
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(s) Cotton Bale

Carol Lee Owens, President
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed December 1, 1993
 File No. F932154

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Gary Cass
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This business is conducted by an individual.

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(s) Gary Cass

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January 6, 1994
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed December 2, 1993
 File No. F932168

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Candace Cameron-Boes
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 Vernon Boes
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 Carmel Valley, CA 93924

This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/1/93.

(s) Candace Cameron-Boes
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed DECEMBER 21, 1993
 File No. F932317

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/01/93.

(s) Gregg Wells

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-PUBLIC NOTICE-

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF THE USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES
 Filed December 7, 1993
 File No. F900788

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name
Carmel Valley Hair Center
 7 DelFino Place
 Carmel Valley, CA 93924
 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on May 7, 1990.
 Christine J. Iremonger
 233 Vista Verde
 Carmel Valley, CA 93924

This business is conducted by Christine Iremonger.

Signed: Christine J. Iremonger
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Publish: December 23, 1993, January 6, 13, 20, 1994
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Filed December 2, 1993
 File No. F932165

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 Lee A. Hocker
 2559 Santa Lucia
 Carmel, CA 93923

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(s) Lee A. Hocker
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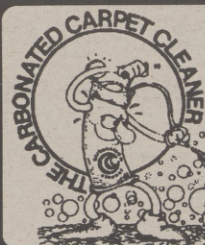

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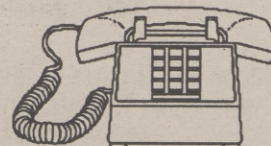
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Park District Directors Okay Appeal of Otter Cove Home

By Carolyn Rice

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District board voted unanimously Tuesday night to appeal Planning Commission approval of a 7,625-square-foot ocean-front home in the Otter Cove area, calling it a violation of the Big Sur Land Use Plan.

The central issue surrounding the home just south of Otter Cove is whether it should be considered part of the Otter Cove subdivision where homes can be built or is subject to regulations prohibiting development in the viewshed along the Big Sur coastline.

"This is a ridiculous interpretation," General Manager Gary Tate said of the county's position that the home is permissible. He urged directors to appeal the decision. "This whole thing is amazing."

Tate told them the approval was a clear violation of the Big Sur Land Use Plan, arguing that the Otter Cove subdivision includes the 17 homes built there now and nothing more.

County officials have called documents regulating the area inconsistent and have recommended a permit be issued to Wendie and Stephen Ryter for a home on the 5.6 acre parcel which is valued at \$3 million. Some neighbors also have said they intended to appeal the commission's 5-4 approval of the Ryter's plans.

Directors Patricia Hutchins, Sean Flavin and Robert Griffin voted to support the appeal. Director Zad Leavy excused himself from the room during consideration of the issue, saying he had a potential conflict of interest. Director Dina Stansbury was absent.

In other business, directors reviewed the park district budget. Income has risen due to property tax increases to \$1.2 million from a projected \$950,000. The district will have a total income of \$1.8 million for 1993-94, including sale of land to the California Department of Parks and grants from Proposition 70 and 117.

The district plans \$2.1 million in expenditures in 1993-94 which will drop the 1992-93 ending balance of \$656,613 to \$437,000 in the current fiscal year.

Griffin questioned how items listed as miscellaneous in the budget for \$5,000,

\$7,400 and \$4,000 had been spent. Tate said he did not recall, and said the category was "kind of a catch all." Flavin asked in future budget reviews that staff give specific accounting for such items.

On another matter, Tate said the park district staff would like the board to drop its retirement age for employees from 60 to 55. He asked for a 3.5 percent annual increase for the next 16 years for employees which would be applied to the employee retirement package.

Retirement benefits are figured by multiplying 2 percent times the number of years worked and the amount of monthly salary paid at the time of retirement.

"At age 55, I will have been here 27 years," Tate said, "and I will have had it." Tate noted public safety officers can retire at age 50.

Griffin said other public agencies are moving away from early retirements. He said firefighters and policemen receive early retirements because more accidents occur with older officers. He said the board should not design programs to serve individual staff members, but should responsibly spend public money. Flavin also noted the national trend is moving toward later retirements.

Leavy asked for the matter to be continued so the board could obtain more information on how it would affect its finances in 5, 10 or 15 years. "We are a small agency which demands a lot of employees," he said. "I can see the advantage of having young people."

Hutchins said, "We ask an extraordinary amount of our employees." She said the salary range for employees is "not really a livable income for this area." She asked the board to give serious consideration to the proposal if it was what employees desired for improvement of their compensation package.

Tate announced Natalie Schaefer, a sixth grade earth science teacher from the Scotts Valley school district, had been hired as the district's new naturalist and would start work Jan. 24. She succeeds Nikki Nedeff who resigned to join the water management district staff.



THE CONTROVERSIAL PAVING of the Youth Baseball League parking lot at the Carmel Mission will be appealed to the City Council Tuesday by activist Noel Mapstead and a representative of the Carmel Mission Indians who cite archaeological concerns. A public hearing was scheduled on the mission lot and on another appeal by Mapstead and Anthony Miranda against the approval of a new two-story residence on Ladera proposed by builder Chris Tescher. In each case, the appellants contend the city has failed to protect the archaeological rights of Native Americans.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Boys Win MTAL Hoop Opener; Girls Lose

Carmel High opened its Mission Trail Athletic League basketball season Tuesday night, the boys rolling over King City, 63-39, while the girls lost to the Lady Mustangs at home, 50-46.

Senior point guard R. J. Powell led the boys to victory on the King City court, leading all scorers with 23 points. Joey Bernhard chipped in with 14.

The Padres double teamed King City's 6-9 center, Brian Holaday, holding him to just four points.

In girls' play, Toni Greco led Carmel with 18 points, and Jennifer Rosenthal added 10.

Carmel's girl's team will play Catalina Friday at Catalina and take on Alisal at Alisal Tuesday. The boys' next game is against Alisal at home Tuesday.

Valley Gets Good Sprinkle from Once Promising Storm

Carmel Valley received .14 of an inch of rain Tuesday out of a storm that looked promising but mainly veered to the north.

Weather observer Graham Matthews said the showers brought the total for the rain year which began July 1 to just 3.63 inches. That compares with 6.04 by Dec. 5 last year and normal rainfall for the date of 7.23 inches.

Noting that the month of January is the heart of the area's normal rainy season, Matthews noted that on average the Valley receives between .11 and .12 inches every day during the month. "If you go three or four days in January without any rain, you fall behind by another half inch or so," he said.



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